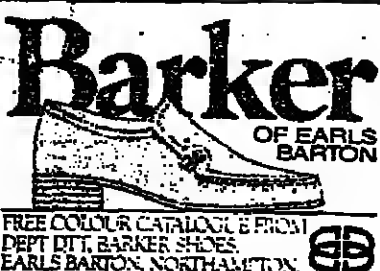




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## 'ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY' CONDEMNED

### Thatcher attacks 'conspirators'

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

**THE Prime Minister declared last night that Britain faced a new threat to democracy from minorities trying to force the majority into changes in the political process and the rule of law.**

Addressing a Conservative audience in the Carlton club she said: "At one end of the spectrum are the terrorist gangs within our borders, and the terrorist states which finance and arm them.

"At the other end are the 'Hard Left' operating inside our system, conspiring to use union power and the apparatus of local government to break, defy and subvert the laws."

Mrs Thatcher also stated that there were 22 new campaigning groups, run by professionals who move from campaign to campaign.

"Some were in the trade unions — some even in parts of the system of Government itself — who have seen how our democracy has evolved rules to temper the power of the majority and provide safeguards and rights for the minority."

The Prime Minister was not specific, but those she had in her sights included the IRA, the Libyans and their support for international terrorism, the miners' strike leaders and the more Left-wing Labour MPs and local councillors.

She made it clear that she would tackle the dangers more aggressively than through the "consensus" politics often advocated by her critics, including Tory "wets."

#### 'Heart of our country is strong'

She was delivering the second Carlton Lecture two years after Mr Macmillan, now the Earl of Stockton, delivered the first, and she chose as her theme "Why Democracy Was Lost."

She said she had first toyed with the title "Democracy Under Threat," adding: "Because there are, as we know, enemies of democracy both within and without."

"But that would have been too pessimistic a title, because the defenders of democracy are far the more numerous."

"The overwhelming majority of the British people are democrats. Britain's democratic institutions are resilient, and the heart of our country is strong."

Recalling that it was Mr Macmillan who gave her her first Ministerial job in 1961 and that, some 20 years later, it was she who had recommended him for his earldom, she said that he still showed "the brilliance, wit and understanding" which he has always shown.

That was her answer to those who interpreted Lord Stockton's recent maiden speech in the Lords — and a similar speech by Mr Walker, Energy Secretary,

## 66,000 miners 'are now back at work'

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

**THE drift back to work continued in the coal industry yesterday, with 975 ex-strikers reporting for the first time, despite the fact that in most areas the lure of enhanced pre-Christmas pay packets no longer applied.**

The number of working miners was put at 66,000 — just over a third of the workforce — by the Coal Board, though the figures are disputed by the union.

The Energy Secretary, Mr Walker, reaffirmed in Commons that there will be no power cuts this winter.

He said: "We still have the most massive coal mound in this country."

Labour's shadow energy spokesman, Mr Stanley Orme, interjected in a B.B.C. radio interview that there is no prospect of a victory for either side in direct negotiations without a direct resumption of the

## Scargill blamed for 'savagery'

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

**MR BRITTON, Home Secretary, last night charged Mr Arthur Scargill with moral responsibility for acts of "loathsome savagery" against members of his union who had gone back to work.**

He delivered his attack on the miners' president — the most outspoken by a Minister since the coal strike began in March — after reporting to Mrs Thatcher and senior colleagues on weekend violence against working miners and their homes.

"As each day passes, Mr Scargill's behaviour plunges new depths," Mr Britton told a

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Conservative by-election meeting at Southgate, North London.

He single-mindedly refuses to restrain his followers from violence against the police, working miners and their families, and he consistently refuses to condemn it when it occurs," Mr Britton went on.

"This shameful silence is more than just inertia; it goes beyond a craven washing of the hands."

"For it shows all the world with crystal clarity where the moral responsibility for violence lies."

The whole action was profoundly shocked by the cowardly and brutal attack on a working miner in West Yorkshire last Friday — or rather the whole action except Mr Scargill," said the Home Secretary.

Mr Scargill foolishly brought himself to condemn arson against empty property. But it seems to show in his throat to condemn an act of loathsome savagery against some-

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## OIL DEMAND INCREASED BY COAL STRIKE

By Our Business Correspondent

**THE miners' strike has added up to a million barrels a day, equivalent to 50 million tonnes a year, to world oil demand. It was claimed yesterday. But the huge increase in demand of heavy oil at power stations has added to pressure on the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to cut the price of light oil.**

The extra demand is equivalent to about six per cent of total Opec output. Power stations are burning about 500,000 barrels of fuel a day ten times the normal level, according to PETROLEUM INTELLIGENCE WEEKLY, the oil industry newsletter.

The difference between buying coal and the equivalent amount of oil is costing the Central Electricity Generating Board £35,000,000 a week.

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## BRITAIN TOP OIL SUPPLIER

By Our Business Correspondent

**Britain has overtaken Saudi Arabia as France's largest oil supplier, says the monthly PETROLEUM INDUSTRY BULLETIN.**

In the year to the end of September, Britain shipped France 11.2 million tonnes of crude, almost 50 per cent up on the same period last year, to take a 15.9 per cent share of the market.

TV UNION CALLS OFF STRIKE

By Our TV Correspondent

**THE TV technicians' union, the ACTT, has called off its threatened TV strike, due to start on Dec. 1, after members rejected the strike call by five to one.**

It has now decided to accept the ITV companies' final offer of an 8 per cent increase backdated to July. The union had been seeking 12 per cent. Average annual earnings of ITV technicians are £18,000.

## KINNOCK PLEDGE

By Our Moscow Correspondent

**Mr Kinnock, the Labour leader, said in Moscow yesterday that he would make his stand on the coal strike when he appears at a rally with Mr Scargill, the miners' president, at Stoke next Friday.**

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A dejected Kim Hughes hurrying from the Brisbane cricket ground yesterday when he had been trounced by the West Indies.

## HUGHES WEEPS AS HE QUILTS

By COLIN GIBSON Sports Correspondent

**KIM HUGHES broke down and wept yesterday as he announced his resignation as captain of Australia's cricket team following a crushing defeat by the West Indies in the Second Test at Brisbane.**

Hughes, who was severely criticised for his handling of the side in the First Test which Australia lost by an innings, decided to step down after the West Indies won the second match by eight wickets.

With former players like Ian Chappell and Rodney Marsh, the Australian Press and public, who regard cricket deities as a national insult, turning against him Hughes decided to end his five-year flirtation with the catapault.

He called a Press conference in front of a mass of television cameras and microphones only to mope three sentences before becoming overwhelmed. He tried several times to carry on but eventually stumbled from the room.

#### Four out of 28

He blamed his resignation on the pressure generated by "the constant speculation, criticism and innuendo by former players and sections of the media over the last four or five years which have now taken their toll."

Hughes has captained Australia 28 times but has only won four matches. He has been on the beaten side in the last five Tests — all against the West Indies.

He was never more than a stopgap captain until last year when Greg Chappell first agreed to play for Australia purely as a batsman and then finally retired.

Mr Fred Bennett, Australian Cricket Board chairman, said later: "It is our hope that he continues to play and to enjoy his cricket for Australia in future. I specifically wish Kim Hughes well during the remaining games against the West Indies."

Alan Shiell—P23

## £200,000 contempt fine for TGWU

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

**THE country's largest union, the Transport and General Workers, faces sequestration of all its assets if it fails to pay within 14 days a £200,000 contempt of court fine imposed in the High Court yesterday.**

Imposing the fine for defying court orders to call off the Austin Rover strike — which perched out last week — Mr Justice Hodgson described the union's stance of "one of the worst cases of disobedience of orders of this court that there can ever have been."

If it ever disobedience of court orders could be called "contumacious," it was the actions of this union, said the judge after he had been told that the union had declared that it would not abide by court orders or pay any fines imposed.

If the orders of the courts of law in this country are not obeyed, the only result is an approach to anarchy," added the judge.

Same fine

The fine of £200,000 is the same as that imposed on the National Union of Miscellaneous last month for defying court orders by continuing to declare the miners' strike in Yorkshire official and threatening disciplinary action against members who crossed picket lines.

Like the NUM, the Transport Union was given 14 days to pay the fine.

If not paid by then, it faces further court proceedings in which the court will be asked to give leave for a writ of sequestration to be issued under which its assets would be seized and frozen until it had purged its contempt.

The Transport union was freed for defying court orders obtained by Austin Rover on Nov. 6 requiring it to lift its strike call at the company's plants until it had been approved by a secret ballot as required under the 1984 Trade Union Act.

With five other unions the Transport union was also ordered not to "induce, per-

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## SKYJACKERS EXTEND THREAT

By Our Staff Correspondent

**Skijackers threatening to blow up a Somali airliner with more than 100 people on board at Addis Ababa airport again extended their deadline last night after nearly 60 hours on the runway.**

The hijackers, who are demanding the release of 20 political prisoners in Somalia, put on time limit on the extension, raising hopes that negotiations with Ethiopian officials might be successful.

## EMBASSY BOMB

Car bomb exploded outside American Embassy in Bogotá killing one person and wounding two.

Bombing occurred 15 days after the Embassy claimed that drug traffickers threatened Americans living in Colombia.—A.P.

## SNOOKER

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R. Beardon (Stoke) beat David Taylor (Manchester) 2-4 in U.K. Open Snooker Championship at Preston.

## E.E.C. FINES PRICE FIXING FIRMS £5m

By Our Brussels Correspondent

**Five European chemical firms, including Laporte Industries of Britain, have been fined a record £5.4 million by the Common Market Commission for illegal fixing of prices and market shares within the E.E.C.**

Laporte, which has plants in Leeds and Warrington, has been ordered to pay £1.2 million for its alleged part in a 14-year agreement to carve up the European market for hydrogen peroxide, an important ingredient in washing powders and industrial bleaches.

The other firms involved are Solvay, of West Germany, Degussa, of Belgium and Germany, and two French companies, Air Liquide and Atochem.

## TRIBUNE M.P.s THREATEN HAVOC

By Our Political Staff

**The Tribune group of Left-wing Labour M.P.s last night decided to keep up their momentum in the Commons following last week's demonstration.**

They intend to wreak havoc by disrupting Parliamentary business, working to the rule-book and using standing orders to obstruct the Government.

They also decided to hold nationwide rallies to attack, in particular, the Government's local government policy. The first will be next March in Preston.

## BENEFITS VOTE

By Our Political Correspondent

**After an emergency three-hour debate on changes of benefits affecting miners and other strikers, the Government won a division by 279-185 last night, a majority of 94.**

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## Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: V. STRONG S.W. airstream will persist, frontal troughs crossing all areas.

LONDON, S.E. & CEN. S. ENGLAND, E. & S.W. ENGLAND, W. IRELAND: Rain in evening. Winds S.W. fresh, increasing strong, perhaps gale later. Max. 54F (12C).

E. & S.W. ENGLAND, W. IRELAND: Outbreaks of rain, heavy at times, clearing later. Winds S.W. strong to gale. 56F (13C).

WULF: Rain, heavy at times. Brighter later, showers. Winds S. gale, storm force to places at first, moderating slowly. 54F (12C).

S. NORTH SEA, STRAIT OF DOVER, ENCL. CH. (E.): Winds S. 6-7 to 9, increasing 10 at times. Sea rough.

ST. GEORGE'S CH. IRISH SEA: S. 8 to 10, veering 6-7, occasionally 9 W. rough.

OUTLOOK: Showers, heavy in places, sunny spells. Windy. Weather Maps—P20.

## Soviet nuclear 'safety offer' to Kinnock

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

**PRESIDENT CHERNENKO promised Mr Kinnock yesterday that Russia would not make Britain a nuclear target if Labour stripped the country of its nuclear defences.**

Russia would "reduce and dismantle" missiles from its own medium-range forces in Europe, equivalent to the number scrapped by a Labour Government in Britain, the Kremlin leader said.

Mr Chernenko was hailing the "responsible approach" of the Labour party.

"Implementation of complete nuclear disarmament by Britain with liquidation of nuclear bases would create the conditions under which the Soviet Union would guarantee that its nuclear weapons would not be targeted on British territory," said Mr Chernenko, according to a Tass news agency report to be published by Tass today.

Mr Denis Healey, Labour's Foreign Affairs spokesman, who accompanied Mr Kinnock at the Kremlin meeting with Mr Chernenko, lasting one and three-quarter hours, told newsmen the Russian undertakings were "absolutely specific and from their point of view totally committing."

But neither Mr Kinnock nor Mr Healey was specific when asked how the promised reciprocal cuts in Soviet rocket forces would be verified or who Moscow would be expected to make good its promise, since Labour is unilaterally pledged to scrap Britain's nuclear deterrent force and close American nuclear bases on British soil.

Mr Healey acknowledged that Moscow had offered several other countries around the Mediterranean and Scandinavia immunity from nuclear attack if they declared themselves free of nuclear weapons.

The Russian offer of reciprocal cuts in missile forces was a "new element in the case of Britain," he said.

#### Strong doubts

But even this is not a wholly new tactic, since Russian offers to Nordic countries of a Baltic nuclear-free zone have carried on specific assurances that, in return, Moscow would study possible "substantial" measures to lower its nuclear profile in surrounding Soviet territory.

Scandinavian countries have expressed strong doubts about the verification of any such agreement.

Mr Chernenko made plain that a deal with Britain would depend on Labour implementing its pledge in renounce nuclear weapons, "bank of its own and foreign makes."

Mr Healey indicated he understood Moscow would count the number of American cruise missiles removed from Britain.

#### 200,000 FLEE TO FIND FOOD

By Our Diplomatic Staff

**Thousands are abandoning their homes in Chad in search of food during what ought to be harvest time. "Chad is witnessing the worst drought in living memory," says Dr Djilali Diallo, United Nations regional information officer for Africa.**

Dr Diallo, speaking in London, said at least 200,000 people had left their homes seeking food to converge on towns. He knew of 1,200 people who had already died of hunger.

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## Making mountains out of hole-hills



"When you're next savouring the scenic delights of continental Europe," observed our M.D., "climbing the majestic Butter Mountains or relaxing by the unflappable Wine Lakes, keep your eyes open for a lesser-known Common Market folly: the Hole Mountain."

"It's a monumental scandal which the authorities are desperately trying to hide. The real culprits are my Auto-Feed Drills, which are making so many holes so quickly all over Europe that the mountain continues to grow at an alarming rate."

Various attempts have been made to reduce the stockpile — by stepping up Gruyere cheese production, for example — but we ourselves have come forward with the best solution so far: the Auto-Feed Screwdriver."

"This uses up existing holes by filling them with screws which are then tightened to a pre-set torque — completely automatically. It's a highly effective form of flexible low-cost automation, and makes much more sense than selling surplus holes at ridiculous knock-down prices to Russia."



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## WIFE FIGHTS OFF MOB WITH RIFLE BUTT

By JOHN WILLIAMS

A WORKING miner's wife struck back when she and her family were besieged by an angry mob. She picked up an air rifle and felled one of them with a blow to the head.

Mrs Pat Head swung into her action when her son Tracy, 16, was punched in the eye by one of the gang of 20 attacking their home in Wellington Road, Edlington, South Yorkshire.

She picked up an unloaded air rifle and struck the man on the head with the butt.

Her husband, John, 40, in charge of shaft maintenance at the nearby Yorkshire Main Colliery, had to have eight stitches in a wound after being hit over the head with a brick.

The family were attacked late on Sunday night following an evening visit to the local Royal British Legion Club.

Mrs Head said she had told her son to get the air rifle to frighten off the mob.

"The next minute Tracy was being held on the floor. I picked up the gun and cracked this man one."

Mrs Head said most of the gang were young striking miners. "They threatened to kill Tracy and they threatened to kill me."

**Bully boy tactics**  
Mr Head, a member of the union COSA and not the NUM, said last night he went back to work last week but would not be returning.

A police spokesman said that several people were helping with inquiries and charges would be made.

The striker hit by Mrs Head was taken to hospital for treatment.

Although Mr Head will not be going to work, the Coal Board said attacks on miners and their homes was by and large proving counter-productive.

"We are now getting miners telephoning their managers asking to go back because they don't like these bully boy tactics," a spokesman added.

More cases of intimidation were reported as violence flared again in the Yorkshire area following the destruction of Mr Stuart Spencer's bungalow at Upton, near Pontefract, and a serious assault on another miner, Mr Michael Fletcher.

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Militant strikers in the Yorkshire coalfield changed their tactics yesterday to what the Coal Board described as "insidious" methods to stop the drift back to work.

Relatives of miners who abandoned the strike have been confronted by gangs. In one incident the intimidation involved the 75-year-old parents of a working miner from Wheldale Colliery, Castleford, where Mr Spencer, whose home was destroyed by fire, is employed.

"The gang suggested to the couple that they should persuade their son not to go to work or they could not be responsible for the consequences," said a Coal Board spokesman.

**Workforce returns**  
In North Wales, Bersham Colliery yesterday produced its first coal in nine months after almost the whole workforce abandoned the strike.

The occasion was marked with a disclosure by the Coal Board that it is investing £12 million on a new seam which will be ready for working in two years.

It was also disclosed that Mr Raymond Ellis, chairman of the North Wales executive of the NUM, had also returned to work at Bersham.

"He feels that he must represent the men and the majority of those men are now back at work," said another union official.

Six men were arrested after a Cheshire police bus was blocked by a group of men near Markham Colliery, North Derbyshire.

## 11 on attack charges

ELEVEN striking miners charged concerning a pickaxe handle attack on Michael Fletcher, a working miner, at his Castleford home, appeared before Pontefract magistrates yesterday.

Six of the men were remanded in custody.

Two brothers, Nigel Hooper, 23, and Martin Davin Hooper, 20, of Grosvenor Street, Aghrigh, Wakefield, were charged jointly with causing grievous bodily harm and possessing offensive weapons.

Martin Hooper was alleged to have carried a pickaxe handle and his brother was alleged to have carried a stonemans rod, a short piece of wood used for ramming home explosive charges in coal faces. Both were remanded in custody until Friday.

The nine others were dealt with earlier by the magistrates. GARRY MILLWARD, 22, of

Weldon Road, Castleford, and Roy Dean Wadsworth, 23, of Neville Street, Normanton, were accused of causing grievous bodily harm.

Wayne Jones, 22, of Savon Way, Castleford, and Stephen Alan Jones, 20, of Redhill Drive, Castleford, were accused of causing an affray. All four were remanded in custody for seven days.

Alan Scarfe, 29, of Langdale Close, Castleford, and Keith Arthurs, 28, of Coniston Drive, Townville, Castleford, who were accused of besetting Mr Fletcher's home were granted bail. Their case was also adjourned to Dec 3.

Davin William Watson, 23, of Irving Terrace, Castleford, Tony Barr, 27, of Watling Road, Castleford, and Brian Wilson, 25, of Kershaw Avenue, Airedale, Castleford, were accused of affray causing actual bodily harm to Mr Fletcher. They were granted bail.

Reporting restrictions were not lifted.



## FORCED BACK ON STRIKE

Daily Telegraph Reporter

A KENT miner has gone back on strike after his aged mother collapsed when their home was attacked with bricks and other missiles.

Keith Prior's 75-year-old sick mother, Mabel, had to be revived by a doctor after the lounge window and glassed front door shattered in a late night attack at their home in Deal, Kent.

Kent police said yesterday that the attack on the Prior's home was only one of five such incidents in Deal on Sunday night.

Mr Prior, 44, a bachelor, who was one of the first men to return to work at Betteshanger Colliery 12 weeks ago, said last night: "I went back to work because Scargill refused to allow us a ballot."

"But after this happened to my mother I cannot risk putting her life at stake. I have been forced back on strike against my will."

**'We know nothing'**

Mr Jack Collins, a Kent NUM official, said: "We know nothing about this attack. It was probably carried out by members of the National Front who are using all sorts of methods to discredit the miners."

A Kent Police spokesman said that of the other homes attacked in Deal on Sunday night three of the homes belonged to working miners, while the fourth was owned by a non-miner known to be sympathetic to the strike-breakers. In two of the attacks bedroom windows were smashed, but no one was injured.

**21 FACES LOST**  
The number of coal faces lost since the start of the miners' strike, was 21, said Mr David Hunt, junior Energy Minister, in a Commons written reply yesterday. A further 87 were causing concern.

**Pe PROVES HIMSELF**  
Pc Robert Yates appeared before South Yorkshire police committee yesterday to prove he was a serving police officer, not a military policeman, as had been alleged.

Heroine of mob attack—Mrs Pat Head with her husband John and their son Tracy at their home at Edlington, South Yorks.

## Notts miners likely to alter rule book

By JAMES O'BRIEN

CHANGES in the Nottinghamshire miners' rule book are likely to be approved next month to end its subordination to the Union's National Executive.

The proposed changes will come before a meeting of the Union's area council on Dec. 20.

They were discussed by branches at the weekend at generally well-attended meetings where delegates to the area council were mandated on their vote.

If the area goes back to its own rule book it is no longer subordinate to the NUM Executive and its decision may be an invitation to the expulsion of the 30,500 members from the NUM.

Almost since the start of the nine month miners' strike the 25 pits, workshops and transport depots in Nottinghamshire have been working normally.

**Strength of support**  
There are estimated to be fewer than 1,000 miners still supporting the strike in the Nottinghamshire coalfield and it is the strength of support from the working miners that the rules changes have been started in earnest.

A large majority of NUM members in Nottinghamshire voted against a national strike and subsequent branch elections brought heavy defeats for the Left.

The mainstay of the intended rule change in Nottinghamshire is to preserve the autonomy of the Nottinghamshire area while keeping its existing status as a constituent member of the national union.

At present, area rule 30 states that in all matters where the area rules and national rules are in conflict it is the national rule which would apply. The intention is Nottinghamshire is to delete rule 30 and its over-riding authority.

That decision would bring to an end the power of the National Executive to instruct the area council to terminate memberships of "recalcitrant members."

## SCARGILL AT TUC TODAY

By JOHN RICHARDS

INDUSTRIAL Correspondent  
MODERATE TUC leaders appeared yesterday to be marking time on any fresh initiative to get negotiations on the 38-week pit strike resumed.

The TUC "Inner Cabinet," Its Finance and General Purposes Committee, adjourned until tomorrow consideration of the dispute, which will allow the seven members of the General Council who are "monitoring" the strike in hold talks today with Mr Scargill and his fellow negotiators.

It was being emphasised that the TUC chiefs had no specific proposals to put to the NUM. But there have been mounting reports that some moderates on the General Council, which also meets tomorrow, would like to make a fresh approach for peace talks to the Coal Board, possibly through Mr Peter Walker, Energy Secretary.

Another option is to try to persuade the NUM to enter talks on revision of the tripartite agreement, Plan for Coal, ahead of a settlement on the current plan to reduce capacity by 4 million tonnes and close another 20 pits with the loss of 20,000 mining jobs in the next 12 months.

**Willis report**  
There was no statement after yesterday's meeting, which heard a detailed report on the dispute from Mr Norman Willis TUC General Secretary.

The committee had before it a letter from Mr John Lyons, General Secretary of the Engineers and Managers Association, urging the TUC to reconsider its Congress policy of "total support" for the miners unless the NUM was prepared to make concessions in negotiations.

The letter was "noted" and allowed to lie on the table pending tomorrow's General Council, at which Mr Lyons is expected to put his arguments forward.

Mr Willis was said to have noted the drift back to work but also to have reiterated the view that, even if Coal Board tactics succeed, the miners would be forced back on terms which could engender lasting and enormous bitterness in the coalfields.

## DISCREET TALKS IN PARIS

By JAMES MACMANUS

In Paris

MR SCARGILL returned to London yesterday from a discreet Sunday meeting in Paris with union leaders in the French coal industry.

M. Augustin Dufresne, Secretary-General of the Communist-dominated Confederation General du Travail said: "Mr Scargill came to see us on a regular visit to clear up a number of points concerning the British and French mining industries."

Mr Scargill returned to London alone and refused to say what had transpired. French union sources say that another member of the National Union of Mineworkers was present at the meeting.

The CGT, one of the largest unions in France, has pledged its support to the striking miners in Britain and has sent convoys of food and other goods to their families.

Later the CGT said the talks had concerned the French miners' plans to give Christmas presents of food and toys to the children of striking miners.

On Saturday militant French miners tried to prevent lorries carrying 1,000 tons of coal from loading on to British ships at Calais. Police arrested and later released a dozen people.

**ARSON ADMITTED**

Michael Jones, 25, a striking miner, of Fleckney Avenue, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, pleaded guilty at Stoke Crown Court yesterday to charges of destroying by fire three coaches and a minivan belonging to Thompson Tours, of Longton Road, Trentham, Northampton. Sentence was deferred as five colleagues pleaded not guilty.

## £800m raised by sale of properties in new towns

By JOHN GRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

THE sale of shops, offices, factories and houses in new towns in England and Wales has raised about £800 million since the Government ordered development corporations to start disposing of their assets five years ago.

The corporations have raised a total of £500 million for the Exchequer by selling commercial and industrial property. The other £300 million has come from the sale of homes to tenants.

Ministers are generally pleased with the progress which the new towns have made in selling their assets, generally at the rate of £2 million to £3 million a year each.

But the introduction of the controversial policy soon after Mrs Thatcher won the 1979 General Election has seen a radical shift in the strategies of the still-developing new towns. They are now relying largely on private capital both for commercial development and housebuilding.

A wide range of pension funds, financial institutions and private companies have stepped in both to acquire the assets and to finance new developments in the 21 new towns in England and Wales.

The eight new towns where the development corporations have been wound up and the remaining assets managed by the Commission for New Towns — Bracknell, Corby, Crawley, Harlow, Hatfield, Hemel Hempstead, Stevenage and Welwyn Garden City — have contributed between them £300 million to the sale of industrial and commercial property.

One of the "third generation" towns, Milton Keynes, has been particularly successful in selling property — to the tune of £40 million during the past five years.

**'Starter homes'**  
Most of the 2,500 homes a year now being built in Milton Keynes are for owner-occupiers. Tenants in shared ownership schemes or housing associations. The town's shared-ownership programme accounts for 40 per cent of the country's schemes.

The "homes-for-sale" range from £20,000 "starter homes" to houses costing £110,000. The town's development corporation is planning for another 28,000 houses to be built and 38,000 jobs provided over the next 14 years, to give the town a population of 180,000.

To help the new towns, the Government has introduced a Bill, which this month received its second reading, which would suspend some of the new town debts and write off others. The "third-generation" new towns otherwise faced completely unrealistic debt and interest charges.

## Dispute-hit port pays 600 to stay home

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

SIX hundred Southampton dockers are being paid £123 a week each to stay at home during a manning dispute which threatens the port's future as a container base.

The container terminals have been idle since Oct. 20, which was the deadline set by port management for dockers to accept several hundred job cuts.

Because the employers tore up the old agreement they are forced to continue to pay the minimum £123 a week wage under the National Dock Labour Scheme agreement, which guarantees wages even when there is no work.

A Southampton Docks spokesman said yesterday that all 900 dockers were reporting for work each day. Work was found for about 300 on the grain car and cruise ship terminals, but the other 600 were being sent home.

**Four clients gone**  
The men's normal average earnings would be £250 a week. Even when the port is not in dispute, it is usual for some dockers to be sent home on basic pay because there is insufficient work.

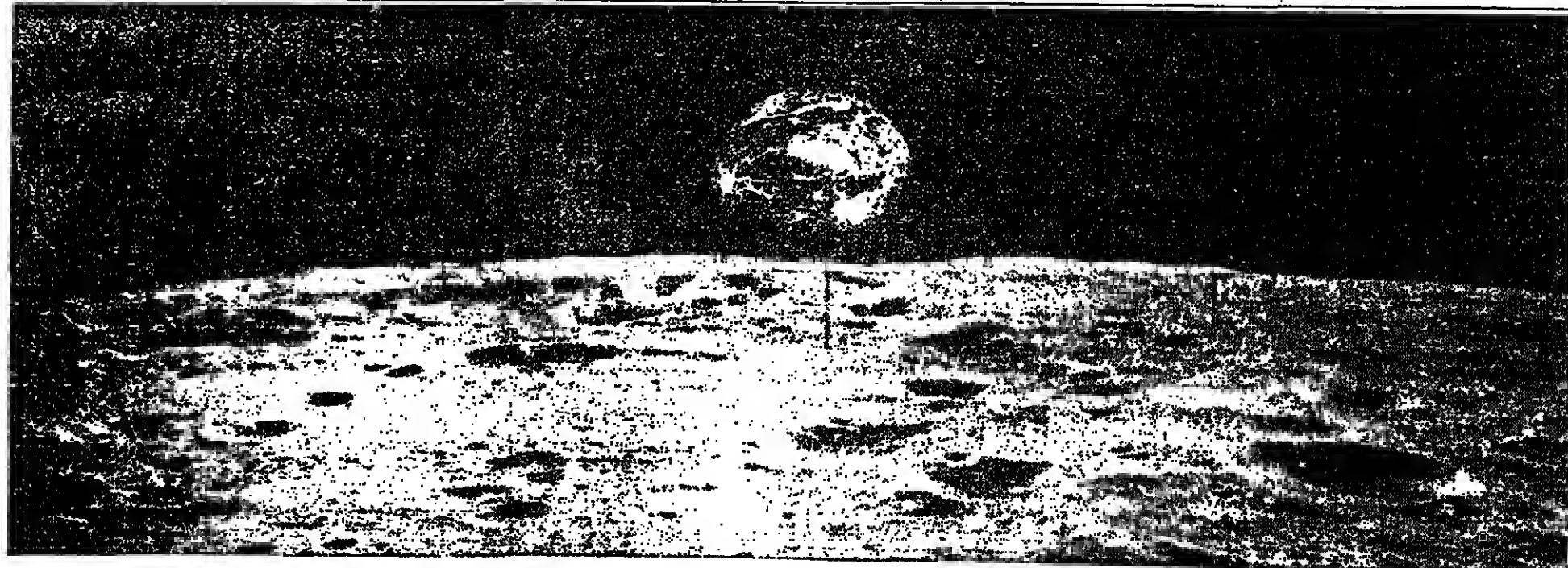
The port had been trying to cut the jobs of 160 registered dockers, but since the dispute began four major clients have decided to take their business elsewhere, and the redundancy target has been raised to 340. The management also wants a review of agreements which it says have led to serious over-manning.

The four firms which have pulled out handled a quarter of the port's container trade. Three of the four have switched to Felixstowe, which has the advantage of being free of the restrictive practices which have grown up in the older ports.

Mr Alf Piddock, deputy port director, has said that if Southampton cannot get the agreements sought with the union, there is a "very strong possibility" that it could close for ever as a container port.

The remaining container business is split between two large consortia, Trio, operating 20 container ships and putting 140,000 containers a year through Southampton, and South Africa Europe Container Service, with 80,000 containers a year. Both have made temporary arrangements with other ports.

Mr Michael Leslie, chairman of the standing committee for Trio, said the consortium had been seriously discussing transferring the business to Felixstowe, but the port did not have enough spare capacity at the moment.



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## FOOTPRINTS IN BLOOD 'LED TO DOUBLE KILLER'

By IAN HENRY Old Bailey Correspondent

FOOTPRINTS in blood led police to the killer of two teenage sweethearts whose bodies were found in a dumper truck on a South London children's playground, said Mr ALLAN GREEN, prosecuting at the Old Bailey yesterday.

ROBERT VAUGHAN, a 17-year-old packer, volunteered for Saturday overtime to complete a German export order and took his schoolgirl fiancée, MICHELE SAOLER, also 17, along to help him.

Next day, their bodies were found in a Southwark Council dumper truck. Michele was naked except for a pullover.

Mr Green alleged the young couple had been killed in the basement packing shop and then their bodies were dumped through the streets of Southwark in a dumper truck.

Detectives found blood tracks in the blood left behind at the murder scene. And a workmate, sharing the work, had seen the couple match, alleged Mr Green.

The workmate, DAVID LOMAX, 28, of Linsay St, Rotherhithe, has denied the murder of Robert, of Cherry Gardens Street, Rotherhithe, and Michele, of Chislehurst Street, Stepney.

Mr Green said that Robert had two wounds to the neck, Michele had been strangled with a piece of wire and had a gag of rolled brown paper in the back of her mouth. She had been sexually assaulted.

Robert's parents, Mr and Mrs RONALD VAUGHAN, were in tears as they left the court after saying that their son liked Robert and the two were good friends.

Engaged four months  
Mr Green said that Robert and Michele had become engaged four months earlier on her 17th birthday.

In February this year, Robert and Michele were due to do some overtime on the completion of an export order and Robert had permission for Michele to be there as well.

While on their own in the building, said Mr Green, Robert attacked Robert in the men's lavatory with a Stanley-type knife, cutting his neck and throat and killing him.

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The trial was adjourned until today.

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Murdered teenage sweethearts Michelle Sadler and Robert Vaughan whose bodies were found in a dumper truck.

## Odd-job Briton killed on Costa del Crime

By TIM BROWN in Madrid

A BRITON working as an odd-job man in the Costa del Sol resort of Torremolinos has been brutally murdered.

The repeatedly-stabbed body of Hugh Lomas, 51, a former brewery worker from Warrington, Cheshire, was found dumped in a field of sugar cane on the edge of town last week.

The body was so badly mutilated that police could only identify using fingerprints.

Mr Lomas moved to Spain in September, 1983, after being made redundant. He stayed in Torremolinos, but police said yesterday he had no settled address and no permanent work, although he earned some money from odd jobs.

He was arrested and charged with theft last December. He was released from prison in February when £2,000 bail from relatives in Britain was paid into court.

The British consular staff in Malaga said Mr Lomas had not been in contact since his release. They were informed of his death at the weekend.

Crazed addicts  
News of the killing came as a storm about rising crime on the Costa del Sol continued to grow.

Residents many of them retired Britons, at the picturesque resort of Nerja, east of Malaga, petitioned the authorities at the weekend demanding a crackdown on armed drug addicts who have been terrorising the town.

The Britons and other foreign residents complained that their once peaceful life in the Spanish sunshine has been shattered.

They now live in fear of being robbed or mugged or even attacked in their homes by crazed drug addicts, desperate for money for fixes, they said.

Spanish authorities, clearly worried about the effect the rising crime rate could have on the nation's vital tourist trade, there are four million British visitors each year, have promised an all-out effort to make the region safer.

Plans have been drawn up for improved policing and a crackdown against organised crime.

AS SAFE AS LONDON  
Travel agents reply  
Holidaymakers were no more likely to be robbed or murdered in Spain than in London, the Association of British Travel Agents said yesterday.

ABTA also denied that violence from drug addicts was the cause of a 40 per cent fall in bookings to the Costa del Sol this year. Price rises and a trend towards late bookings were the more likely reasons.

MARK PHILLIPS  
CRASH MAN  
FINED £60  
Andrew Greenhalgh, 39, a professional footballer with Aston Villa reserves, was fined £60 at Stur-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, yesterday for careless driving in a head-on crash with a Range Rover driven by Capt Mark Phillips.

Greenhalgh, of Carlisle Road, Melksham, Wiltshire, pleaded guilty and was ordered to have his licence endorsed with four penalty points.

The prosecution said that Capt Phillips was driving at night towards Northleach on the A249 when he was suddenly confronted by a Renault which was overtaking a lorry.

He braked hard but could not avoid the collision. His vehicle was a write-off, but he was not injured. Greenhalgh had a leg injury.

MOTHER BEATEN TO DEATH  
A woman, bludgeoned to death late Sunday night while her two young sons slept upstairs, probably disturbed an intruder, police said yesterday.

Bonnie Rollins, 31, was found on the kitchen floor at her home in Beech Avenue, Northampton, by her common law husband Rod Barnwell.

Pc FINED FOR DRINK-DRIVING  
A policeman arrested for drink-driving after he drove through police tape cordoning off the Oxford Circus tube area at the weekend was fined £250 and banned from driving for a year at Marlborough Street Court yesterday.

Pc Roger Cushton, 27, of Gainsborough Avenue, Manor Park, admitted driving while unfit through drink. A charge of failing to give a breath sample was dropped.

SEX ASSAULTS  
TEACHER  
JAILED  
A music teacher sexually assaulted a 15-year-old girl at his former school after she gave him a valentine, Bristol Crown Court was told yesterday.

John Fairhead, 49, of Court Farm Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, who admitted four charges of indecent assault, was sentenced in nine months in jail, with 42 months of its suspended.

Mr Rupert Burswell, prosecuting, said Fairhead assaulted the girl on four occasions after he had been made redundant from the independent sexual intercourse were dropped.

## Krugerrands case judge calls for stiffer penalties

ROY GARNER, a businessman who masterminded a £2,200,000 gold tax fraud was jailed for four years, fined £150,000 and ordered to pay £90,000 costs by Judge Richard Lowry, Q.C. at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Garner, 43, of Cannon Hill, Southgate, was convicted on two charges of conspiring to defraud Customs and Excise over VAT payable on £14 million worth of Krugerrands imported from Jersey.

He was sentenced to the maximum of two years on each charge. He will serve an additional two years if the fine is not paid within 14 days.

Judge Lowry said his powers of punishment were limited and he hoped maximum penalties would soon be increased. He called for new legislation to plug a loophole in the law regarding maximum prison sentences.

Five other defendants, including Garner's son, Mark, 21, a company director, who was jailed for six months, pleaded guilty. The others were given sentences ranging from two years to six months suspended.

Nightclub owner  
Eighteen months ago, Garner, a nightclub owner and racehorse breeder, was named in court by Scotland Yard as an associate of too criminals.

He had earlier collected £200,000 in rewards from insurance companies for giving police information which led to the recovery of stolen gold nuggets.

Judge Lowry said Garner and the other defendants had plotted "to live in comfort on other people's money" by swindling tax in a "shrewd and well-executed way."

The judge commended a team of Customs officers for their investigation into the swindle. They took hundreds of photographs to link the defendants and compiled a 5,000-page dossier.

Mr David Jefferys, Q.C., prosecuting, said Garner, the ringleader and financier of the fraud, took advantage of a "postponed accounting system" which enabled genuine traders in gold to pay VAT at a later stage.

The system has since been abandoned by Customs because of abuses. Others sentenced were: David Bullen, 38, of Arabia Close, Chingford, given two years and fined £25,000 with £7,500 costs; Kenneth Howard, 46, of Minchenden Crescent, Southgate, given 15 months, fined £20,000 and ordered to pay 7,500 costs; Paul Fenton, 43, of Central Hill, Upper Norwood, given nine months and ordered to pay £7,500 costs, and his wife Doris, 40, given six months suspended for two years.



Judge Lowry: limited powers of punishment.

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## RAISON SEES RAF FLY FOOD TO STARVING

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Addis Ababa

**THE** Minister of Overseas Development, Mr Raison, watched yesterday as 15 of the last 800 tons of grain for famine relief were loaded in to an RAF Hercules at the Red Sea port of Assab.

Twenty tall Afar loaders in colourful shirts, cloths wrapped round their heads, moved the grain in minutes, racing up the ramp at the rear of the aircraft, 100lb sacks on their backs and scattering small pieces of wheat over the floor.

The Hercules was loading for its mercy mission to 50,000 famine victims at five distribution centres around the northern Ethiopian city of Makalle, in the drought-stricken Tigrai Province.

The loaders stacked the white sacks neatly in three piles in Hercules, and RAF crewmen in camouflage fatigues lashed the load in the floor with nylon netting.

Some of the wheat was from Canada, given through the United Nations World Food Programme.

Other bags were printed with the Stars and Stripes and the words: "Furnished by the people of the United States of America. Not to be sold or exchanged."

**7,000 flown south**

"We won't be coming back to Assab now for a while," said Wing Cdr Barry Nunn, commanding the RAF detachment. "But we will be returning when some more grain arrives."

The two RAF Hercules which made the first flight of the international airlift on Nov. 4, later joined by Russia, America and other countries, will now be flying grain from government warehouses near Addis Ababa in Goodar to north-west Ethiopia.

Four Russian Aeroflot Antonov 12 cargo aircraft, which have been taking part in the airlift from Assab, have moved their base from the port because

there is no more relief grain there.

The Russian aircraft have been switched to flying families from Makalle for resettlement in south-western Ethiopia. More than 7,000 people had been airlifted from the north by yesterday.

Grain was being offloaded from the Greek ship Aetos, 18,375 tons, through a hopper putting it automatically into bags. But this 27,500-ton shipment had been bought by the Ethiopian government for Addis Ababa and other towns, and was not for famine victims.

In a nearby berth, 10,000 tons of wheat and sorghum flour from the American voluntary agency, Catholic Relief Services, was being unloaded straight on to lorries to be moved by road, and was not going to the airfield.

Mr Yusuf Ahmed, Ethiopia's Minister of Transport and Communications, told Mr Raison that the port was now handling 3,000 tons of relief grain in a day, and would clear the 10,000 tons in three to four days.

"Then we will be waiting for the next ship. Maybe it will be the end of December or the first part of January. We don't know," he said.

Mr Ahmed praised the RAF and regretted there was no more grain for the Hercules to carry to the north.

"Your team is the best despite the limited number of aircraft. Some others are flying six aircraft, but doing half what the RAF has done," he said.

## Shot in arm for flagging U.S. economy

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

**A** QUARTER-POINT fall in American bank interest rates yesterday follows the Federal Reserve Board's lowering of its discount rate last Wednesday by half a percentage point to 8½ per cent.

The relaxation by the "Fed" was seen as an effort to revive the economy, which has slowed to a sluggish rate of growth after the heady expansion of the spring.

But nobody knows whether the Central Bank's touch on the accelerator will work. If business stays slow the chances of narrowing the budget deficit will be even worse than currently projected.

Healthy pre-Christmas sales by retailers over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend lifted some recent fears that America might be heading into a new recession.

But the budget deficit remains a nightmare.

Mr Donald Platten, chairman of the Chemical Bank, writing in yesterday's New York Times, said bringing down the record projected deficit for the current financial year of \$210 billion (£174 billion), would require major and sometimes wrenching policy changes.

### Critical cuts

These would be impossible without public support and a "truly bipartisan coalition," he argued.

As Mr Reagan sits down with his advisers in the White House to discuss the agonising choices involved, there is no sign of such bipartisan coalition and little evidence of agreement even within his own Government.

The options he faces contain political dynamite since they include cuts in such areas as farm spending, ex-servicemen's health benefits, medical care schemes for the aged and civil service pensions.

With economic growth now down to less than half the four per cent annual increase forecast by the Government, revenues are shrinking and even the projected deficit could turn out to be an underestimate.



President Chernomirkin welcoming Mr Kinnock for their talks yesterday at the Kremlin where the Soviet leader promised that Russia would not make Britain a nuclear target if a Labour government stripped the country of her nuclear defences.

## Shultz keen to embark on arms control talks

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

**A**MERICA would like to begin actual negotiations on arms control in the talks on Jan. 7-8 in Geneva, and not just discussions of an agenda for ensuing meetings, said Mr Richard Burt, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, during a breakfast television interview.

## LEADERSHIP UNCERTAIN IN MOSCOW

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

**THE** Supreme Soviet, or "Parliament," begins its brief winter session in Moscow today amid continuing uncertainty over developments within the Kremlin leadership.

Western observers will study the seating order closely when the Politburo assemblies in the Grand Palace Hall.

Marshal Dmitri Ustinov, 76, Defence Minister, has not been seen since late September and is believed to be ill. Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, 53, the present holder of the post of President, has been out of sight on several recent occasions and is said to be on holiday.

He is to visit Britain next month but has not been available to meet Mr Kinnock during the Labour leader's visit. Speculation about his position will intensify if Mr Gorbachev does not appear with due prominence today.

### Lack of consensus

A meeting of the 500-member Communist party Central Committee, which is usually held on the eve of the twice-yearly Parliamentary sitting, was not held yesterday. No explanation was given.

But some observers suspect it could reflect a lack of consensus over policies or personnel.

Another possible explanation is that the party has returned to the practice of the Khrushchev era, in calling the Central Committee together only to discuss specific topics without specially linking it to Parliament.

This could reflect Mr Chernomirkin's repeated urging that the Supreme Soviet and other state, as opposed to party, organs play a more active role.

### ZAMBIA CUTS CARS

By Our Lusaka Correspondent

Zambia has cancelled fresh imports of cars and banned any new projects except those with sizeable impact on the foreign-exchange situation or which promise more intensive use of existing capacity. The aim is to revive a deteriorating economy.

### Uruguay poll means peaceful transition

By CRISTINA BONASEGNA in Buenos Aires

**JULIO SANGUINETTI**, 84, leader of the Centre Right Colorado (Red) party, emerged yesterday as Uruguay's virtual newly-elected president after 11 years of military rule.

As the vote-counting proceeded slowly, joyful street celebrations in Montevideo were marred by clashes between supporters of the leading Colorado party and the broad front Left-wing coalition.

Nine people were injured and several arrested.

According to incomplete results yesterday from Sunday's poll, the Colorado party, which was in power when the military seized control in 1973, had a narrow lead over the Centre-Left Blanco party, with 38 per cent, to 32.7 per cent, of the votes cast.

The broad front grouping Communists, Socialists, Christian Democrats and Independents, polled 20.7 per cent of the votes.

The victory of the more conservative Colorado party is regarded as a guarantee of a smooth transition from a dictatorship to a democratic government. The new President is to be inaugurated on March 1.

### BEAGLE FACT

Victory for Alfonsín

OUR BUENOS AIRES CORRESPONDENT writes: A referendum on a proposed solution to the border conflict with Chile was a clear political victory for President Raul Alfonsín of Argentina.

Results yesterday showed that 78 per cent of the voters were in favour of the peace treaty and that turnout had been much higher than expected.

The treaty will put an end to the 100-year-old dispute over the Beagle Channel—a strategic waterway at the southern tip of Argentina.

## CASTRO SNUBBED BY POPE

By LESLIE CHILDS in Rome

**CARDINAL JONAS** Gierzyński, the Polish Primate, flew into Rome yesterday for a week-long round of talks set amid mounting consternation over the Pope's alleged "double standard" on international issues.

The Cardinal arrived after disclosures that the Pope had refused an invitation from Fidel Castro to visit Communist-run Cuba.

"The Holy Father" has been in his homeland of Poland but yet he rejected the chance of going to Havana, one Vatican source said last night.

"He seems to divide Communists into two categories—the ones he feels he can bargain with and those he feels he can't."

The way the Pope has so far failed to speak out with any weight about the murder of Polish priest Fr. Jerzy Popielusko is another reason for the charges of a "double standard."

Another Vatican official said: "He downplayed the matter of the assassination of a priest who laid down his life because he believed in the 'Solidarity' free trade union movement. He spoke out far more strongly when he condemned the murder of Mrs Indira Gandhi."

### Talks delayed

Cardinal Gierzyński's latest mission to the Vatican to brief the Pope about the Polish situation should have started a few weeks ago. It was delayed by the kidnapping and murder of Fr. Popielusko.

The Cardinal made no comment after he emerged from airport talks with Poland's envoy to the Holy See. He smiled as he quipped: "I'm a deal-maker."

The Pope has for several months been under fire for the way he appears to encourage the clergy in overwhelmingly Roman Catholic Poland to intervene in political affairs yet continues to oppose "liberation theology" priests in Latin America.

Revelations that the Pope snubbed an invitation to visit Cuba were made yesterday by Italy's biggest-selling weekly magazine, the Roman Catholic Churchman, *L'Espresso*.

According to the magazine, Dr Castro invited the Pope when he made his first overseas pilgrimage to Mexico, six years ago. But the Vatican rejected the offer on the grounds that it would have created divisions within the Church in Cuba.

The Cubans were told that the Pope's airliner would be making a technical stopover at Nassau in the Bahamas on its return to Rome.

Now, says the weekly, the Pope's visit to Havana, Mr Giulio Fiorucci, is waiting for a second invitation.

### NO SUBMISSION, SAYS POLISH UNION-LEADER

By Our Diplomatic Staff

A Communist party member and former official of Poland's Solidarity state-backed trade unions has been elected leader of the country's new trade unions, the official Polish news agency (PAP) said yesterday.

Mr Alfred Miodowicz, 55, was chosen to head a national council which the unions set up last weekend at their first assembly since they replaced the banned Solidarity movement.

Mr Miodowicz said: "There is a worldwide opinion that the new Polish trade unions are submissive to the authorities. There will be no submission, and we will see if the opinion is maintained."

The new unions have adopted the stance of all other East bloc official trade unions in contending that since the Communist party and trade unions both aim to defend workers, they are natural allies.

### AMNESTY APPEAL TO PAKISTAN

By Our Diplomatic Staff

Amnesty International yesterday appealed to President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan to commute death sentences on four political prisoners and allow an independent retrial.

Three of the four accused of abducting the skyjacking of a jet, were originally jailed but later condemned to death. It is claimed statements were extracted after torture.

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# ANGRY PLO MEN THWART SYRIA PEACE MOVES

By JOHN BULLOCK in Amman

THE growing discontent of members of the Palestine National Council at the way they felt they were being manipulated by their leaders spilled over into speeches of protest yesterday.

Yasser Arafat and other Palestine Liberation Organisation officials had made clear there would be no clear-cut outcome or definite resolutions at the end of this 17th session of the Council, the Palestinians' Parliament-in-exile.

The leaders also tried to muffle criticism of Syria in the hope of an eventual reconciliation with the Damascus regime.

Syria is blamed for instigating and organising the rebellion against Arafat's authority which has split the PLO.

As the ill-organised, repetitive and time-wasting conference continued yesterday, the representative of the Palestine Workers' Federation bitterly criticised attempts to play down Syrian involvement in disunion within the PLO.

"We know Syria provided the guns and the tanks which made the counter-revolution possible," said Mr Khyber Ibrahim.

"Why not say so, instead of tucking the facts away in a few lines of the political report?"

## Arafat criticised

And a delegate from the Palestine Teachers' Union called for hard decisions to be made at the conference, the first to be held for 18 months. "We do not have much time left," he said.

In private, PLO officials admit much of the speech-making is designed for the TV audience on the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

This session of the National Council is the first chance they have had to see their Parliament in action, and the aim is to demonstrate the amount of international support the PLO still has.

In private, delegates said yesterday that Mr Arafat's stock had sunk badly in the four days since the meeting began. "He scowls at any criticism," one raises points of order, or tries to answer anything said against him," one told me.

# Israeli secrets offered in Sharon libel suit

By TONY ALLEN-JILLIS in New York

INFORMATION from secret Israeli intelligence documents may be made indirectly available to lawyers involved in a £40,000,000 libel suit against Time magazine by Gen. Ariel Sharon, former Israeli Defence Minister.

## U.S. SPLIT WITH IRAQ ENDED

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

PRESIDENT REAGAN yesterday agreed to resume diplomatic relations with Iraq after receiving Mr Tariq Aziz, the country's Deputy Prime Minister, at the White House.

A White House announcement said that ambassadors would be exchanged "as promptly as possible."

Baghdad broke off diplomatic ties with America 17 years ago in protest against United States support for Israel in its six-day war with Egypt, Syria and Jordan.

Until two-and-a-half years ago Iraq was on the American blacklist of countries supporting international terrorism. But since Iraq was struck off the list relations between the two countries have steadily improved.

## Moderate group

Iraq has signalled its intention of resuming full diplomatic ties and the United States, keen to expand what it views as a moderate grouping of Arab nations, has been willing to respond.

But American officials stress that the reopening of diplomatic relations does not mean that Washington is dropping its official line of neutrality in the Iran-Iraq war.

Mr Aziz, who is also his country's Foreign Minister, spent 35 minutes with Mr Reagan. The resumption of diplomatic relations had been widely forecast.

# RAIDS PRECEDE PEACE TALKS

By Our Mexico City Correspondent

Salvadoran guerrillas yesterday staged a series of raids on Army positions near the nation's capital, signalling that there will be no let up to the five-year civil war despite the present peace negotiations.

Sources in San Salvador said the government delegation to peace talks being given on Friday would be led by Col. Reynaldo Lopez and by Presidential Minister Julio Cey Prendes. The rebels have not yet named their representatives.

## ARMS CALL

Rumania's Communist party Congress, which ended last week, called on the leadership to ensure better training and equipment to the army, according to a resolution published yesterday in Bucharest.

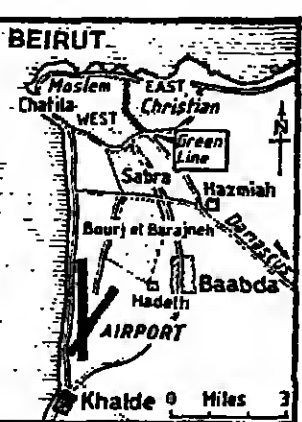
# 6,000 troops take control of Beirut

By DAVID ZORIAN in Beirut

LEBANESE government troops, without firing a single shot, fanned out across Beirut yesterday to implement a security plan approved by Lebanon's rival militias.

As a sign of goodwill, Christian and Muslim militiamen traded 15 kidnappers across the Beirut "Green Line," one of the main deployment points of the 6,000 Government troops earmarked for "operation Beirut."

The deployment, the second attempt in many months, was designed to restore Government authority to Beirut which has been locked in bitter factional fighting and gripped in



BEIRUT. The map shows the Green Line, the airport, and various districts like East, West, and South.

anarchy since a Shiite militia takeover of the Muslim sector last February.

Earlier attempts failed as troops pulled back with the first outbreak of fighting in the streets. But Government sources said the latest security operation was likely to stand a better chance.

## Pressure from Syria

"The rival militia factions are under pressure from the people in general, and from Syria, the nation's godfather," said a Lebanese government official.

Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam of Syria spent hours in talks with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel and his Cabinet over the weekend to complete the mechanics of the Beirut deployment.

Under the terms of the Syrian-dictated security plan, the militias will relinquish the Beirut "Green Line" to the Lebanese Army. They will also eliminate the dozens of checkpoints across the city.

# Storm over role of U.N. troops

By MAHER ASHER in Jerusalem

THE fifth round of talks between Nakoura on the Israeli border over the withdrawal of Israeli troops ended yesterday in mutual recrimination.

Brig El Haj, the Lebanese delegate, accused Israel of trying to torpedo the talks because it had no intention of withdrawing from the whole of the Lebanese territory. Brig Amos Glibson, the Israeli delegate, accused the Lebanese of avoiding real discussion and of procrastination.

The Lebanese presented their own proposal for deploying the Lebanese Army along the Israeli border and taking positions northward to the Awali River, thus replacing all the Israeli troops in southern Lebanon.

## Row over Unifil

Saying that Israel's terms for ending its occupation of the south were a denial of Lebanese sovereignty, the delegation refused to discuss the role of United Nations troops after an Israeli withdrawal.

Mr Bassam Saad, the Lebanese spokesman, said Beirut would discuss a U.N. military role only with the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon itself. Israel has called for the U.N. force to deploy in the northern part of an area now occupied by 12,000 Israeli troops.

The Lebanese contended that if Israel were really willing to withdraw, it had no reason to demand that the Israeli-held areas be taken over by U.N. forces, and not by the Lebanese Army itself.

"If the Israelis doubt the force to deploy in the northern part of the Israeli troops, then Lebanon has doubts about Israel's ability to maintain order in the south."

## Syrian role seen

This was a clear reference to the continuation of guerrilla activities against Israeli troops in southern Lebanon.

The Israeli delegate rejected the Lebanese contention as unfounded. He said it was clear the Lebanese were acting under Syrian instructions in the hope that increased guerrilla attacks would force Israel to withdraw without condition or any security arrangement on its border.

The two delegations will hold another meeting on Thursday.

# STUDENT RIOTS CLOSE CENTRE

Al-Azhar University, Cairo's intellectual centre of the Islamic faith for 1,000 years, was closed yesterday for a two-week "cooling-off" period after four days of student demonstrations following the death of one of their colleagues.

Mr Abdel-Aziz Hasbad, director of the Office of the University President, refused to answer questions about the demonstrations which began after a police lorry ran over and killed 20-year-old Mohamed el-Sheikh, a student in the Department of Commerce, last Wednesday night.

# Mitterrand arrival in Syria upstaged by exile's return

By MICHAEL FIELD in Damascus

GUNFIRE awakened Damascus yesterday as supporters of Vice-President Rifa'at al-Assad, brother of Syria's President, greeted his return from nearly a five-month unofficial exile in Europe.

The "return" partially eclipsed the later arrival of President Mitterrand for a two-day official visit.

Diplomats speculated it had been arranged between the Syrians and French as a way of ridding France of an embarrassing guest.

Rifa'at al-Assad began his absence in Switzerland and then France, following his blatant attempt to become President after his brother suffered a heart attack earlier this year.

Now Rifa'at's private militia has been officially integrated into the Army and he has been put in charge of overall security.

Ruthless but popular. A ruthless man, who has shed blood to preserve his brother's authoritarian regime, he is still popular with merchants who consider him an economic liberator and basically pro-Western. He owns a house in Washington.

There are two schools of thought about the Gulf war.

# FRENCH TV IN BOYCOTT

By MICHAEL FIELD in Damascus

FRENCH State television yesterday boycotted coverage of President Mitterrand's arrival in Damascus after a row with the Syrian authorities.

The Syrians censured a report on the celebrations around the return of exiled Vice-President Rifa'at al-Assad and also concerning an incident which delayed the official French Press party for nearly five hours at Damascus airport on Monday.

Relations between the Press party and Syrians deteriorated sharply after Mr Roger Vincent, secretary of the Presidential Press Association, was told to remove his dentures during a metal detector test.

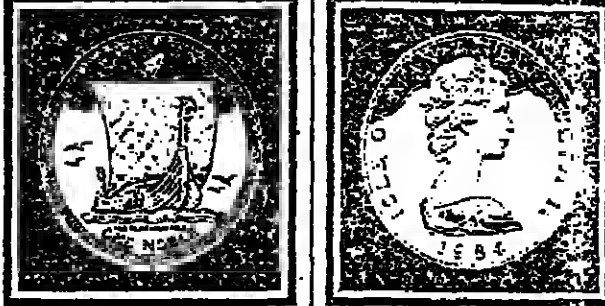
All 80 journalists then sat down and refused to submit to any more Customs checks.

Explosives compromise. Vehement argument between senior French reporters, Elisee Palace officials and Syrian security agents eventually came to a compromise whereby journalists were permitted to carry explosives, and the journalists were admitted.

But things became more serious yesterday when the technicians of Antenne 2, the French second channel, were told by Syrian technicians they should simply confine themselves to reporting President Mitterrand's arrival.

The Syrians said the return of Rifa'at al-Assad and the airport incident were "of internal interest only."

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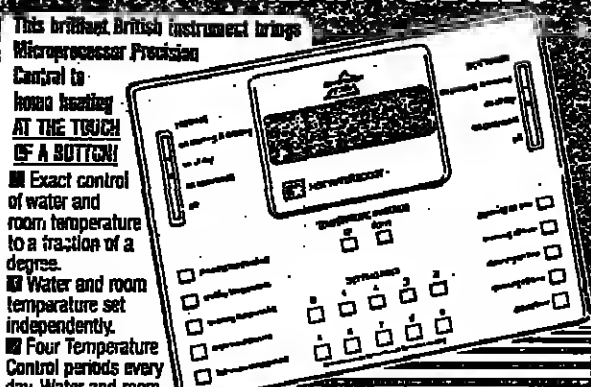
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## OPPOSITION SPLIT IN INDIA FAVOURS RULING PARTY

By DAVID GRAVES in New Delhi

WITH nominations for the Indian General Election next month due to close today, the ruling Congress (Indira) party will be fielding most of its sitting MPs while the Opposition vote is likely to be split.

After earlier indications that up to 50 per cent. of the 536 sitting Congress (I) MPs would not be re-elected, the party refrained from wielding the axe too harshly and drooped only 80.

But any hope of the major non-Communist Opposition parties reaching agreements on seat-sharing to field a single candidate against the ruling party in most states appeared to have been dashed last night.

Barring a last-ditch deal, it appeared there would be four-cornered contests in most of the seats in the vital Hindi belt across northern India, the political heartland of the country.

That will be a substantial blip for the Congress (I), because in previous elections it has polled only up to 45 per cent. of the vote but has won because the Opposition was split.

Opposition leaders knew their only hope would be to field single candidates to avoid splitting the Opposition vote, but their quarrelling over the division of seats could not be resolved in time.

There will now be multi-

cornered fights in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and Rajasthan, and between them these account for 220 of the 515 seats to be contested.

The Dalit Mazdoor Kisan party, led by Mr. Charan Singh, former Prime Minister, wanted nearly three-quarters of the seats in the northern belt.

But the Bharatiya Janata party and the Janata-led six-party United Front—the two other major opposition groups—would not accede to this and decided to field their own candidates.

It appeared there would only be straight contests to three major states—Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, and Gujarat—and in Delhi, the capital.

The only accord reached was that no other candidates would be fielded against four prominent Opposition leaders: Mr. Chandrabhai Shekar, of Janata; Mrs. Menaka Gandhi, of the Rashtriya Sanjay Manch; Mr. Jagjivan Ram, of Congress (I); and Mr. A. Vajpayee, of the Bharatiya Janata party.



Miss Benazir Bhutto, 31, eldest daughter of the executed Pakistani Prime Minister, outlinging at a Press conference in Bonn yesterday a new phase in her people's fight against the military regime of President Zia.

## Confident Liberal scores easy win in Hawke debate

By DENIS WARNER in Canberra

COMPOSED, confident, clearly well-prepared and with occasional flashes of wit and humour, Mr. Peacock, the leader of the Opposition, had a comfortable win in the television debate last night with Mr. Hawke, Prime Minister.

In all his many years in politics he has rarely performed better.

The result may not affect the Saturday election but is likely to remove any uncertainty about his continued leadership of the Liberal party.

All television networks carried the 30-minute debate, and gave the result to Mr. Peacock, with an Australian Broadcasting Corporation telephone poll giving him the verdict by 72 per cent. to 28.

Polys by the commercial channels indicated a much closer margin but still put Mr. Peacock in front.

The debate was in the National Press Club before an audience of about a thousand, with a panel of six newspaper and TV journalists questioning the leaders.

Mr. Peacock took an early lead in the preparatory remarks, speaking easily from notes which he glanced at only occasionally, while Mr. Hawke read from a prepared text.

### Serious challenger

Again, in his closing remarks, Mr. Peacock consolidated his early lead. An astonishing 29 per cent. of ABC viewers said the debate would change their vote.

Figures from the commercial channels did not indicate the likelihood of any such trends, although most viewers must now accept Mr. Peacock has become a serious and credible challenger for office.

Questioners did not avoid the more sensitive issues that the two leaders had skirted around during the campaign.

Mr. Peacock was not spared for his statement in Parliament that Mr. Hawke was a "little crook" and Mr. Hawke was asked how he had lost a thousand dollars in American currency.

On this occasion, the evidence seemed to support his claim.

## U.S. tests nuclear ban by New Zealand

By Air Cdre G. S. COOPER in Wellington

THE pledge by New Zealand's Labour government to ban nuclear armed or powered vessels from the country's ports is due for a crucial test when the United States presents next year's programme of naval visits for approval.

Mr. David Lange, Prime Minister, hopes to implement the ban without endangering the collective security pact, Anzus, signed in 1951 by Australia, New Zealand and America.

However, his recent commitment to this partnership in the Pacific is considered in an American report to be irreconcilable with his nuclear ban.

Since Washington, as a matter of principle, refuses to confirm or deny the nuclear capability of its ships, a ban on nuclear-armed vessels amounts to a ban on all American ships.

### Deterrence in doubt

The report says the Lange government is threatening the Anzus treaty if it insists on verification of the nuclear status of these ships.

A ban on all American warships would prevent the Allies from working together in peace time, weakening the ability of the United States Navy to contribute to Western deterrence in the area.

Although proclaiming anti-nuclear sentiments, the New Zealand government has not gone so far as to declare itself wholly against nuclear defence, and may yet find an acceptable way of staying under the American nuclear umbrella.

Under normal circumstances visits by American nuclear warships would be expected to submit its list of ships' visits within the next few weeks, but it will probably delay the submission until early next year to allow time for a diplomatic solution to the problem.

There is evidence already that Mr. Lange appreciates the importance of maintaining stability in the area through collective security.

### More arms cash

He has approved a 15 per cent. increase in the defence budget to just over £500 million, and recently attended an Anzus air defence exercise that involved the deployment to New Zealand of nuclear capable F-15 and F-16 fighters.

The Air Force has enjoyed the largest share of the increase in spending, strengthening the anti-ship capability by improving the maritime reconnaissance Orion and raising the strength of Skyhawk fighter-bombers to 32.

The purchase of air-launched Harpoon anti-ship missiles is under consideration.

To make way for a new Skyhawk squadron, an Andover transport squadron of six aircraft has been deactivated, leaving unchanged at seven the total number of operational squadrons.

Fiji bases ruled out

The United States has no plans to seek military bases on Fiji to compensate for New Zealand's refusal to permit visits by American nuclear warships.

A senior State Department official said yesterday in Washington.—Reuters

## Haggard Marcos signs Budget on TV

By IAN WARD in Manila

WITH his face etched with exhaustion and his eyes puffy, President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines, who is 67, appeared on television yesterday.

He was reported to be signing the archipelago republic's 1985 budget in front of members of his Cabinet.

A one-minute, 55-second film segment in the 4 p.m. news telecast depicted him meeting the Cabinet in Malacañang Palace, his official residence, earlier in the day.

The meeting represented the first time the Filipino leader has seen his Ministers since he dropped suddenly from public view on Nov. 11, prompting a rash of rumours about his state of health.

There have been strong indications that the President underwent surgery sometime

between Nov. 11 and 13. But palace officials have insisted he was merely being treated for influenza.

Explicitly conflicting official statements on the need to keep him in isolation have caused widespread scepticism of the Government's pronouncements.

There is a firm conviction among Western observers that the Marcos "family clique" involving his ambitious wife Mrs. Imelda Marcos, her brother, Ambassador in Washington, Mr. Kokoy Romualdez, and the President's daughter, Mrs. Imee Marcos-Manotoc, have been responsible for taking major decisions while the Chief of State has been incapacitated.

It is also believed that these three, together with a handful of co-adjutors, have attempted to fabricate the impression internationally that the President, throughout his illness, has been physically competent to retain full control of government.



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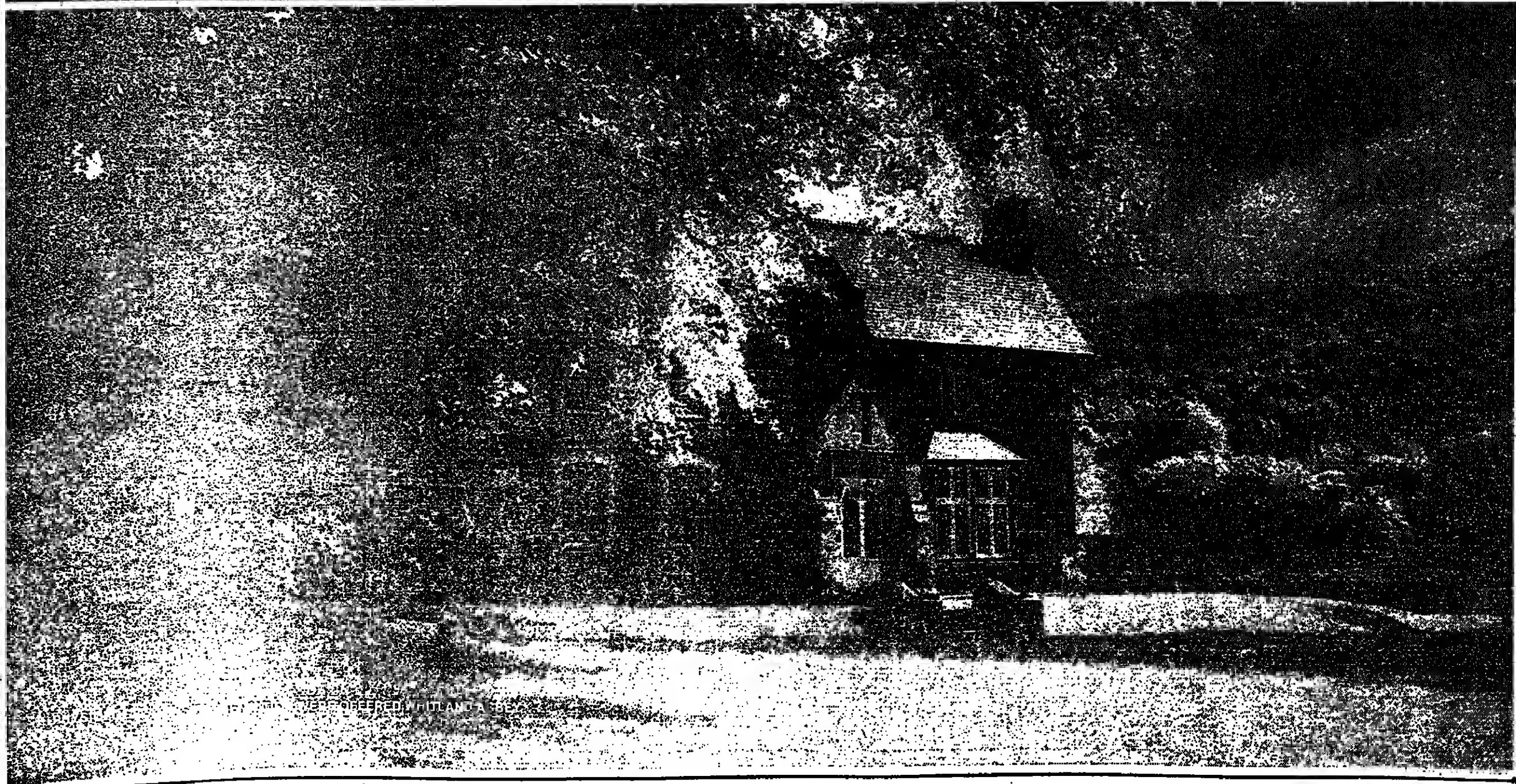
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## PARTIAL RETURN IN SOCIAL SECURITY COMPUTER STRIKE

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

SOME of the Department of Health and Social Security computer operators who have been on strike since mid-May are to return to work tomorrow.

The Civil Service Union and the Society of Civil and Public Servants have recommended their 40 members at DHSS offices in Newcastle and Washington, Tyne and Wear, to resume normal working.

agreed to maintain existing pay levels for a two-year period.

Mr Alistair Graham, general secretary of the CPSA, has urged members to accept the same terms but they have refused and have voted to stay on strike.

The union executive, divided by political wrangling, is unwilling to order them back to work until they are able to command support among the rest of the membership for intensification of the strike.

It has threatened for some time to stop debt payments by calling on staff in unemployment benefit offices, but has failed to get enough support for effective action.

Peace deal

The two smaller unions have agreed new shift working patterns wanted by the department to achieve savings of about £700,000 a year.

The unions had said this would cause some members to lose up to £14 a week, but as part of the return to work agreement the DHSS has agreed to make good the loss.

## Resale right for 'Airey' home owners

By Our Political Staff

SOME council tenants who bought system built 'Airey' houses before defects were found will still have the right to sell them back despite new legislation which concentrates on paying compensation for repairs.

Under the Housing Defects Act, which takes effect at the end of the week, an advisory scheme under which councils could assist purchasers if they choose to replace a compulsory one.

But while the previous formula, introduced in February 1983, encouraged councils to buy such houses back as an alternative to paying for repairs, repurchase will now be permitted only in certain cases.

Under the previous voluntary scheme they had until next September to serve notice on their council that they wanted to sell their homes back.

But with the new act taking effect this Saturday, they will from that point be in a situation where while the council is obliged to compensate them for repairs, there will be strict limits on resale.

Union officials admit privately that with Christmas approaching their members are increasingly reluctant to strike in support of colleagues.

The dispute has hit millions of pensioners and mothers who collect child benefit payments, but the general uprating of benefits has been achieved despite the strike.

## BR workshops face up to competition

By JOHN PETTY Transport Correspondent

ORDERS to face competition from private enterprise has brought a dynamic response from the engineering workshops of British Rail.

Mr Mitchell, Transport Under Secretary, said yesterday.

There had already been heavy redundancies in British Rail Engineering, including the recent closure of the Shildon works in Durham. Warnings were given earlier this year that a further 5,000 jobs were at risk.

The works are run as a separate business within British Rail and the Government is awaiting a report on their future from Mr Bob Reid, chairman of British Rail.

They are already subject to a policy by which they face competition from private firms when British Rail seeks new locomotives or carriages.

Growing efficiency

Mr Mitchell, visiting the British Rail engineering works at Wolverton, near Milton Keynes, said there was a growing efficiency and competitiveness in BR Engineering.

There is now a clear possibility that instead of more big closures, BR Engineering might instead become a profitable candidate for demerger.

The need for BR to spend £360 million on new trains for rural and urban lines alone in the next five years holds out prospects of large orders.

On top of that is the need for much other new equipment with electrification schemes and for goods in computer magazines at several routes, including the London-Leeds-Edinburgh services.

British Rail plans to invest

## MODEL OFFICER TOOK CASH

A NAVAL OFFICER, who fiddled a total of £3,000 in welfare and cash funds of the Polaris submarine Revenge, was ordered to be dismissed from the Service by a court martial at Rostyth yesterday.

Lieut. David Glyn, stationed at the Clyde submarine base, admitted nine charges of misusing the funds.

Lt Cdr Hugh Wolfenson, defending, said financial losses over homes, personal loans and school fees for his two sons at boarding school after he became an officer in 1979, had been the cause of Glyn's downfall. In 1983 he owed more than £8,000 to his creditors.

"He joined the Navy at the age of 15," added Lt Cdr Wolfenson.

"On his way up through the ranks he collected no fewer than seven exceptional ratings in his service record."

"He was held up in the Navy as an example of what can be done coming up from the bottom."

Glyn, who has repaid £1,700, was ordered to repay the balance.

The court martial left consideration of BEM to the Defence Secretary.

BIT OF BOTHER

A firm offering computers and software at "ridiculously low prices" is believed to be bogus, police said yesterday.

Spectator Imports (UK) offered goods in computer magazines at up to half price from an accommodation address in Nelson, Lancs.

## DEATHS, IN MEMORIAM

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LODGEHEAD—On Nov. 24, 1984, peacefully at the First Nursing Home, London, aged 87, Mrs. M. J. Lodgehead, nee M. J. Lodgehead, widow of the late Mr. J. Lodgehead, of 11, Lodgehead Road, London, N.W. 11. Funeral service at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 27, at St. Martin's Church, London, N.W. 11. Burial in the family grave at St. Martin's Church, London, N.W. 11.

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SAUNDERS—On Nov. 24, 1984, peacefully at her home, 11, Saunders Road, London, N.W. 11, aged 87, Mrs. M. J. Saunders, nee M. J. Saunders, widow of the late Mr. J. Saunders, of 11, Saunders Road, London, N.W. 11. Funeral service at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 27, at St. Martin's Church, London, N.W. 11. Burial in the family grave at St. Martin's Church, London, N.W. 11.

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SEAL—On Nov. 24, 1984, peacefully at her home, 11, Seal Road, London, N.W. 11, aged 87, Mrs. M. J. Seal, nee M. J. Seal, widow of the late Mr. J. Seal, of 11, Seal Road, London, N.W. 11. Funeral service at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 27, at St. Martin's Church, London, N.W. 11. Burial in the family grave at St. Martin's Church, London, N.W. 11.

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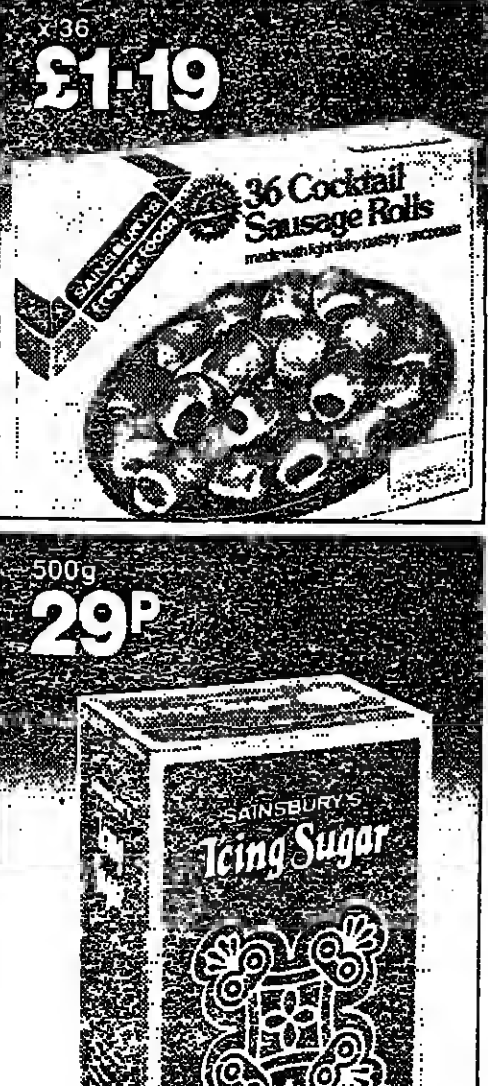
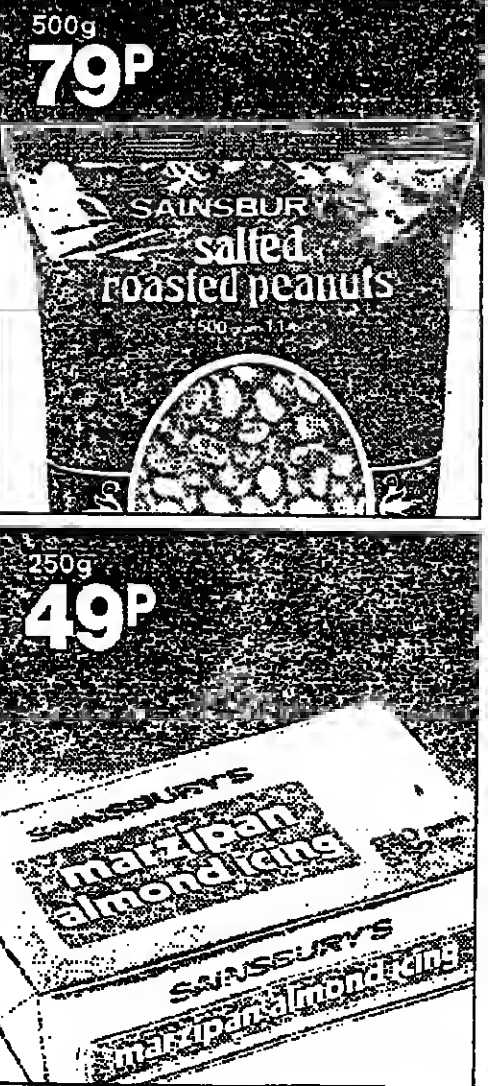
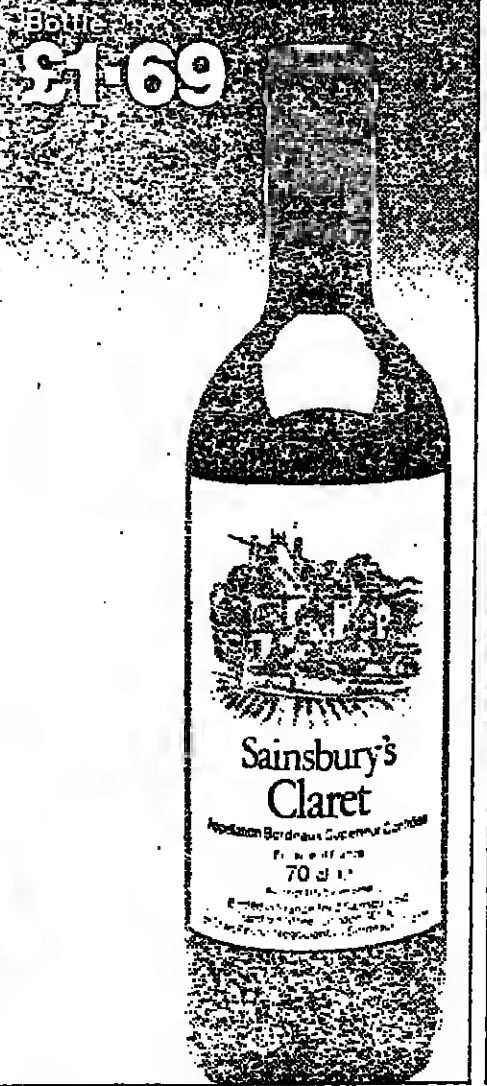
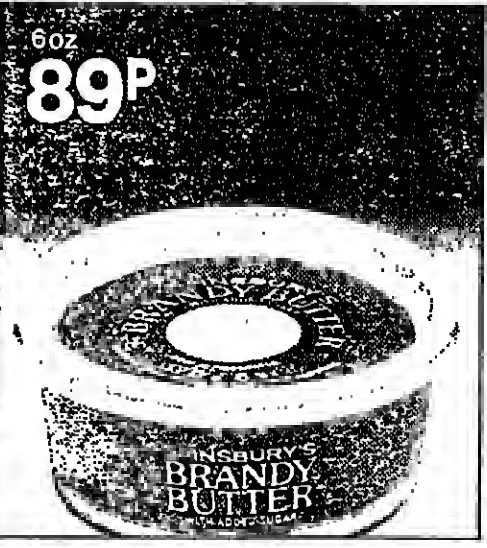
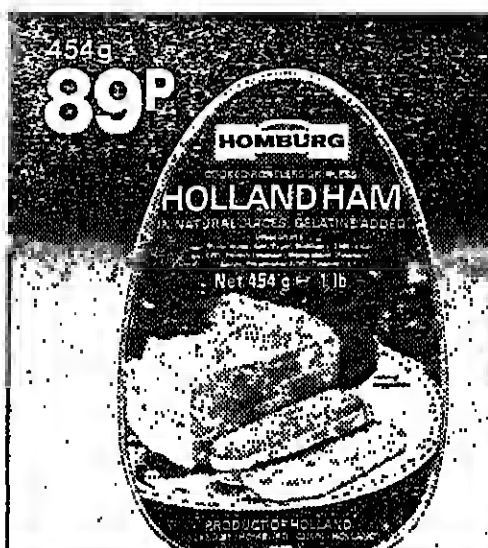
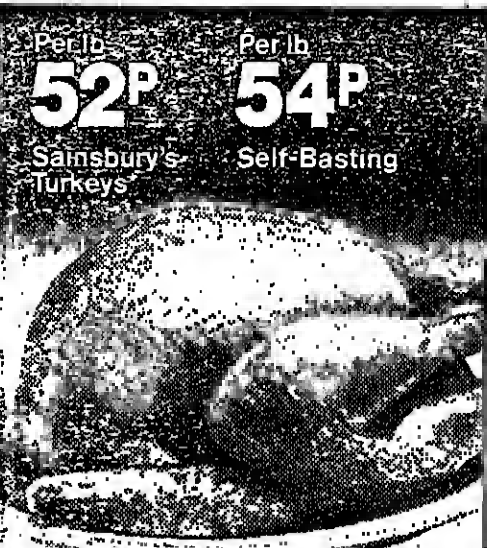
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## THREE GUILTY OF 'SEX SLAVE' GIRL'S DEATH

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The three intended to force Karen Harris, 15, of Greencroft Children's Home, Wolverhampton, into prostitution.

Deirdre Finnegan, 20, of Gillett Road, Edgbaston, Caroline Middleton, 18, of Eve Hill, Dudley, and Merrill Dowell, 36, of Highgate, Birmingham, who denied the charges, are due to be sentenced today.

LIVER BABY DIES

Louise Moran, 15 months, who has been seriously ill at King's College Hospital awaiting a liver transplant, died yesterday because no donor could be found in time.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

RAYNES, IAN.—Harold Raynes wishes to thank all friends and neighbours for their kind words and sympathy in his sad loss. With love, IAN.

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

SPENCE—The Private Cremation of SPENCE, MICHAEL, 2nd Baron of SPENCE, will take place at 11.30 a.m. on Dec. 1, at Marlborough House, London.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

WILLIAMS—A Service of Thanksgiving for the late Mrs. Williams will be held at 11.30 a.m. on Dec. 1, at St. Martin's Church, London.

## IN MEMORIAM

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## This fully qualified tanker driver is about to help out on a kidney transplant.

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The broad aim of the strategy is to maintain a reasonable level of visitors at the sites in the central section while encouraging the development of locations to the east and west so that they can absorb any substantial increase in visitor numbers.

By ROBERT BEBLOW  
Estates Correspondent

The three-mile trail winds past the farm buildings, past ponds and through fields, capons and woods, giving visitors the chance to see wildlife and the usual activities of a Sussex farm, such as the 200 head of heifer cattle, the barley growing and the Romney Marsh sheep flocks that winter there.

is the small copse where several families of badgers live. To avoid disturbing the badger sets he has re-routed the path and opened a new gateway into the field.

Confirming his dedication to conservation is the bridleway that runs alongside the copse, tracing the route of an ancient pilgrims' way, bordered by hedges that contain several species of trees from which naturalists date the hedges at 600 or 700 years old.

### More excavation

A visitor liaison officer for the whole wall and a special officer to develop the footpath should be appointed, it suggests.

induce interference with farming and other land management operations.

Talks have been held with representatives of 20 organizations involved with different aspects of the countryside and its uses for both work and leisure.

"I hope that all the bodies represented on the committee will now make a major effort to make the strategy work."

Four sites are earmarked in the document for expansion. At Carvoran, in the western central section, near the Cumbria-Northumberland border, there is a fort but it is still covered.

The site offers good access and car parking potential and the committee considers that

Mr Gunner, who is chairman of the Sussex Country Land-

Old farm buildings and pastures can be converted into craft workshops and holiday cottages not only to reverse the decline in rural employment but to augment

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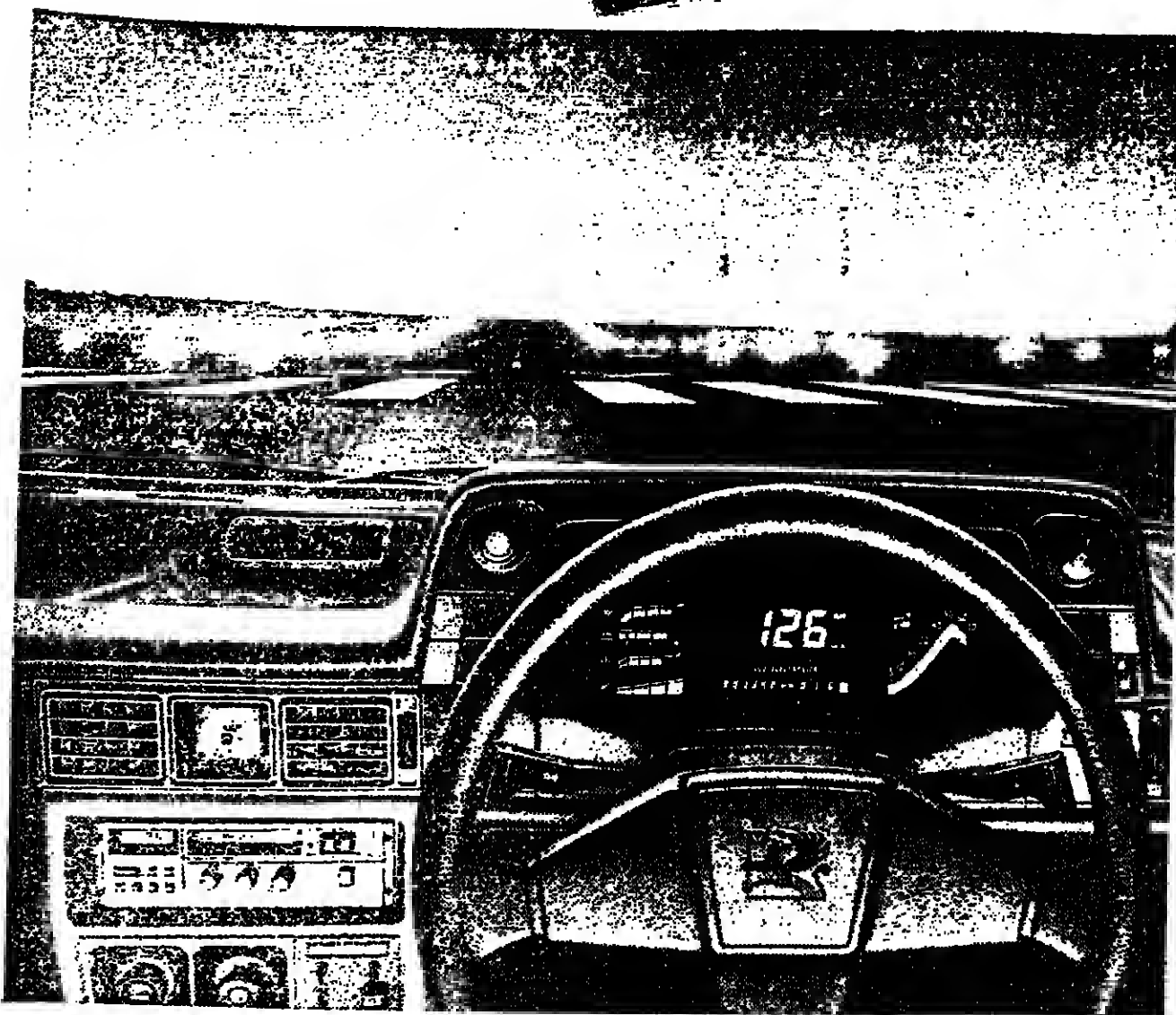
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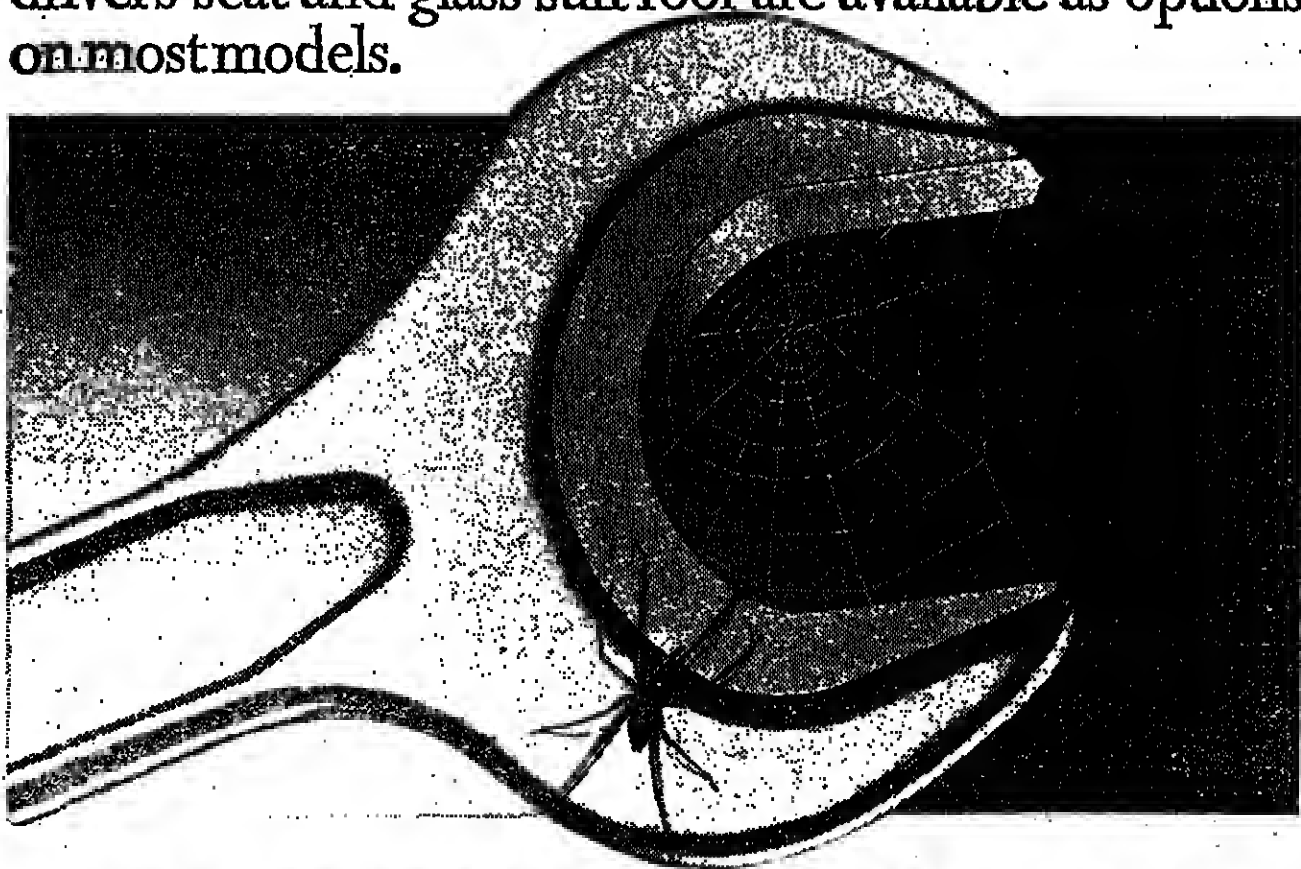
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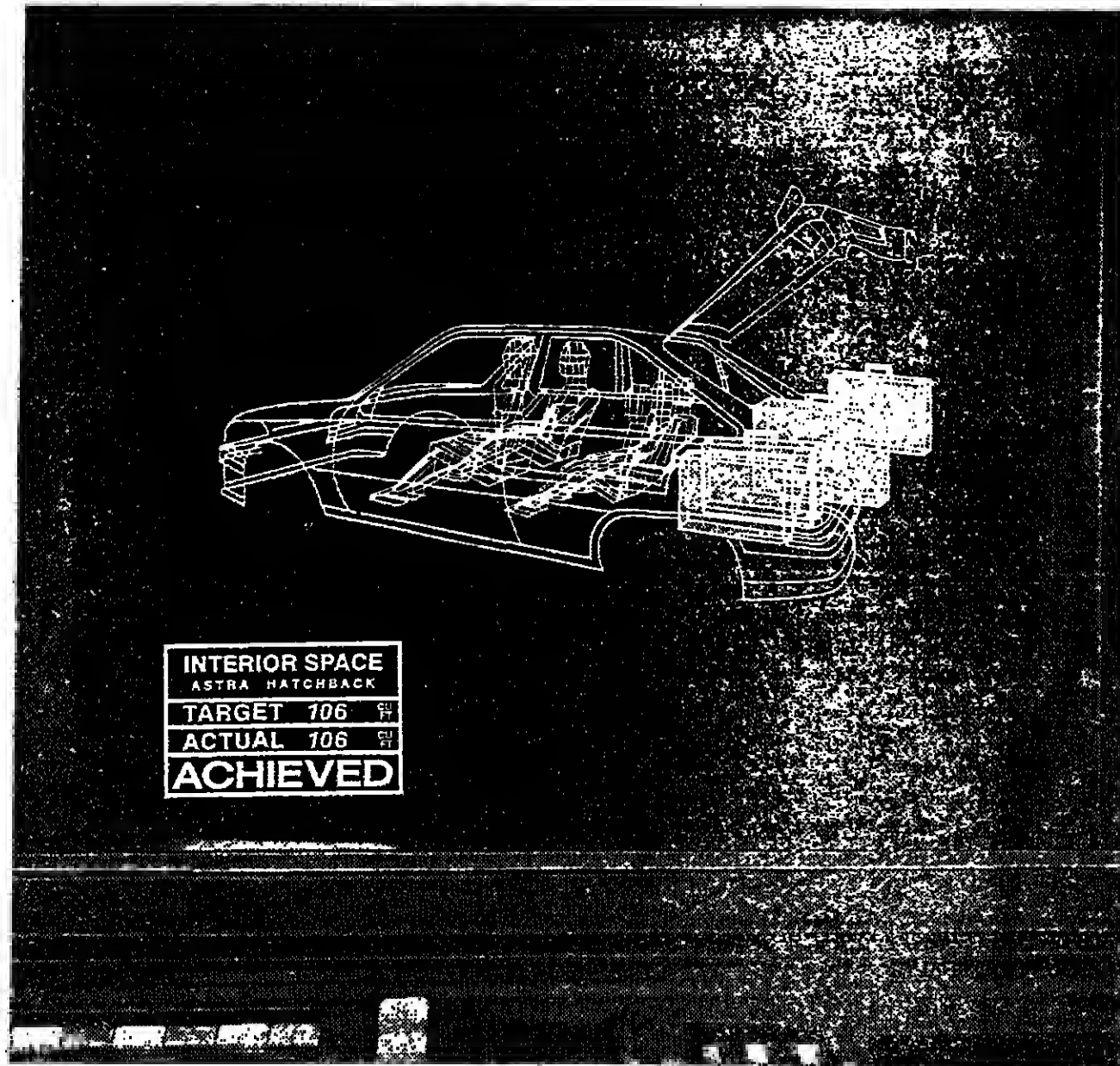
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## WALKER WARNING OVER MINERS' REDUNDANCY ISSUE

By WILLIAM WEEKES Parliamentary Staff

**GUARANTEES** to miners of no compulsory redundancies would be jeopardised if the coal strike destroyed good pits, Mr WALKER, Energy Secretary, said in the Commons yesterday.

He also said that Britain still had the "most massive mountain" of coal—something like 37 million tonnes in stock—in spite of the strike, which is in its ninth month.

Mr Walker told the House he had received assurances from the chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, Sir Walter Marshall, that there would be no power cuts this winter if coal supplies continued at their present level.

Questioned on conflicting claims by the National Coal Board, and Mr Scargill, the miners' union president, on the numbers of men at work Mr DAVID HUNT, Energy Under-Secretary, said more than 66,000 NUM members were now not on strike and 99,000 people altogether were at work in the industry.

**'Considerable threat'**  
Mr Walker was challenged several times from the Labour benches on the issue of compulsory redundancies. Mr PETER HARDY (Lab., Wantworth) said he had received

a letter from Mr Ian MacGregor, the Coal Board chairman, which suggested that the pledge of no redundancies would last only until the end of March.

The ENERGY SECRETARY said Mr MacGregor rightly pointed out that if the strike continued and economic pits with good futures had their coal faces destroyed, that would create a very considerable threat to the industry as a whole.

Pressed further by Mr FOOT, former leader of the Opposition, Mr WALKER said: "The position is quite clear... that on all the plans for the future of this industry there will be no compulsory redundancies."

"The only thing that could interfere with those plans is if this irresponsible strike action destroys good economic pits."

Mr WALKER said power stations had substantial stocks of coal, similar to what they were on August 26.

He deplored the continuing



Mr WALKER: 'Massive mountain' of coal in spite of the strike.



Mr HARDY: A letter from Mr MacGregor about redundancy pledge.

violence seen during the dispute and injuries caused to miners who had returned to work.

Mr TOBY JESSEL (C, Twickenham) claimed that incidents in which a working miner was beaten and badly hurt while another had his home destroyed by fire were the direct result of Mr Scargill's "inflammatory and provocative rabble-rousing."

Mr WALKER said the "horrible" events of the last few days showed it was time that the NUM complied with the trade union guidelines on picketing or their own, and prevented "this type of mob activity and violence."

Immense damage had been done by the criminal acts taking place, particularly the violence used to try to stop people returning to work.

**Use of intimidation**  
Miners wishing to go to work would be given all protection possible, Mr Walker told Mr John Maples (C, Lewisham, W.). But he added: "If in the early hours of the morning a mob breaks into somebody's house and beats him up... I am afraid you cannot give protection to every house."

Labour recognised that had

there been a ballot there would have been no intimidation and no crossing of picket lines.

"Intimidation has been the only method of keeping these people out of work."

Mr Hunt said the Coal Board's external auditors, Thomson McLintock Company, had been to North Derbyshire and tested and confirmed the reliability of the Board's systems for reporting the number of men returning to work. Similar systems were used in all the Coal Board's areas.

He disputed Mr Scargill's claim on Sunday that 144,275 miners were still on strike, saying the actual figure was 123,000. That was the level of distortion Mr Scargill used.

**Today in Parliament**

**HOUSE OF LORDS**  
2.30: Debate on motion to tele-vise Lords proceedings; Local Government and Social Security Orders; Debate on withdrawal of the £1 note.

**HOUSE OF COMMONS**  
2.30: Debate on an Opposition motion on the failure of Government policy to safeguard the natural environment and the national heritage of Britain; Repairs Grants for Almy Houses (Variation) Order; Okehampton Bypass (Compulsory Purchase) Orders.

## GCHQ JOBS PLEDGE

THE question of dismissal for Civil Servants at the Government's Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham who refused to give up their trade union rights, had not yet arisen, Mr BARNEY HAYHOE, Treasury Minister of State, said in the Commons yesterday.

He said that following last week's House of Lords judgment "Every effort will be made to find alternative posts for those who do not wish to remain under the revised terms and conditions of service."

Replying to Dr Oonagh McDonald (Lab., Thurrock) during Question Time, he said: "The question of dismissal does not arise at this stage."

Dr McDonald had urged the Government to allow the civil servants to keep their jobs until the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights.

Mr HAYHOE replied that the House of Lords had "completed the domestic legal process."

**Statement call**  
Mr DAVID WINNICK (Lab., Walsall N) called for a Government statement on the situation at the secret communications centre.

Mr HAYHOE replied: "This is a matter for the Foreign Secretary."

"But I imagine the whole House will realise that the recent judgment of the House of Lords confirmed that already given by the Court of Appeal, that the revised terms and conditions of service introduced at GCHQ on Jan. 25 are valid."

## Fowler turns the tables on Labour in strike benefits row

By PETER PRYKE, WALTER ABURN and ANTHONY LOOCH

**MR NORMAN FOWLER**, Social Services Secretary, rejected Labour charges in the Commons last night that he had cut £1 from the benefits paid to the families of strikers in order to defeat the National Union of Mine-

workers. He also turned the tables on allegations that he had sought to stifle debate on the announcement of the cut.

Mr Fowler did this by attacking the Labour Front Bench for its failure to condemn the "parliamentary demonstration" which, last week cut short a statement he sought to make on the issue.

He was assisted by an intervention by Mr ANDREW PAULDS (Lab., Warrley E) in the speech of Mr Michael Meacher, the Shadow Social Services Secretary.

Mr Paulds described as "damnable and ill conceived" the demonstration by 39 Labour MPs, on Wednesday night, which had prevented Mr Fowler, being questioned by the Labour Front Bench on the emergency statement they had demanded.

Mr MEACHER, in reply, said the demonstration, in which Left-wing MPs had stood in front of the Mace and refused

to go back to their seats, had been "spontaneous."

"The result has been more attention given to the enormous damage than would otherwise have been the case, and also we have had this debate today," he said.

Mr FOWLER said there could not be a clearer example of an attempt to stifle debate, and added: "Mr Meacher, for having been a few feet from the demonstrators but having done nothing to stop it."

"The supreme indifference of the Opposition Front Bench to these tactics exactly mirrors their disregard for the House," he said. "It demonstrates why the Labour party will never form a government."

**'Huge drop'**

Mr MEACHER said the income of £15 to £16 a week in the amount deemed by the Government to have been paid by trade unions in strike pay and then deducted from benefits would worsen the hardship in the coalfields eight months into the strike.

It meant that the benefit for a striking miner with a wife and child would have been cut back to £16-05 a week, plus rent. It was a huge drop, more than two thirds below what was regarded as the State poverty line.

"It means victimising families and starving their children in order to weaken trade unions and force their members back to work by social privation. It means treating families of strikers worse than any other category, including convicted criminals."

Moving a motion which accused the Government of having postponed announcing the deduction until the past possible moment in order to stifle debate Mr MEACHER said he believed that the Government had not intended to make the announcement until yesterday, the day before implementation.

He declared that the loss of the £1 would be heart-breaking to people on the poverty line and said: "Tory Ministers do not seem to realise the bishops do not enter into industrial disputes lightly, only when they believe deep moral issues are at stake."

"The provision of adequate fuel and housing for children and their mothers is one such issue."

**'Frankly Indicrous'**  
Mr FOWLER said that so far £25 million had been paid out to the families of striking miners. In addition, rent and rates were paid in full, and there was also child benefit.

"It is frankly ludicrous to accuse the Government of pursuing a vindictive campaign against strikers' families. You

are the only ones who should be ashamed of yourselves."

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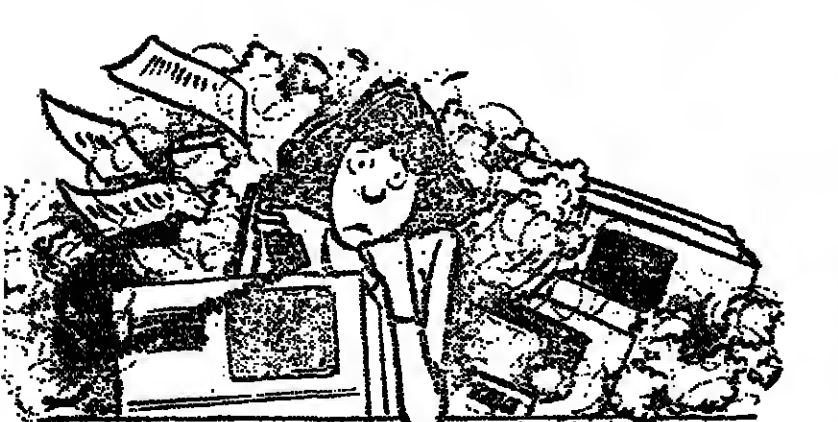
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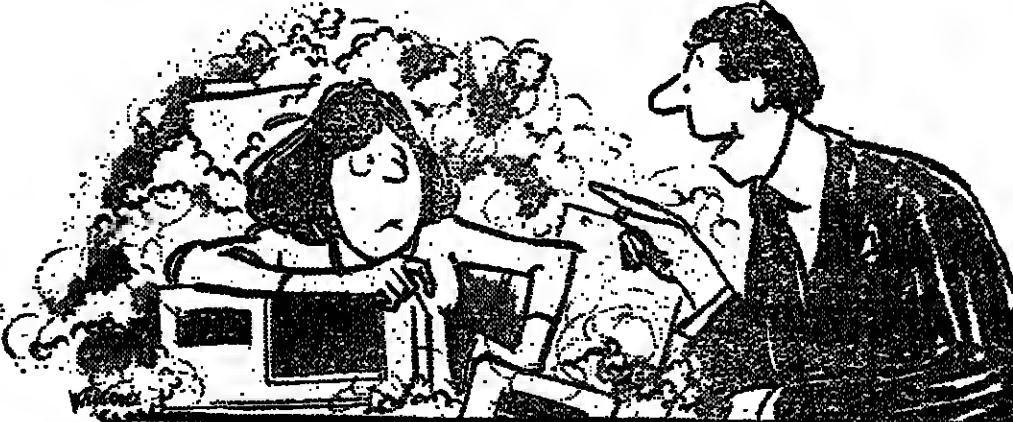
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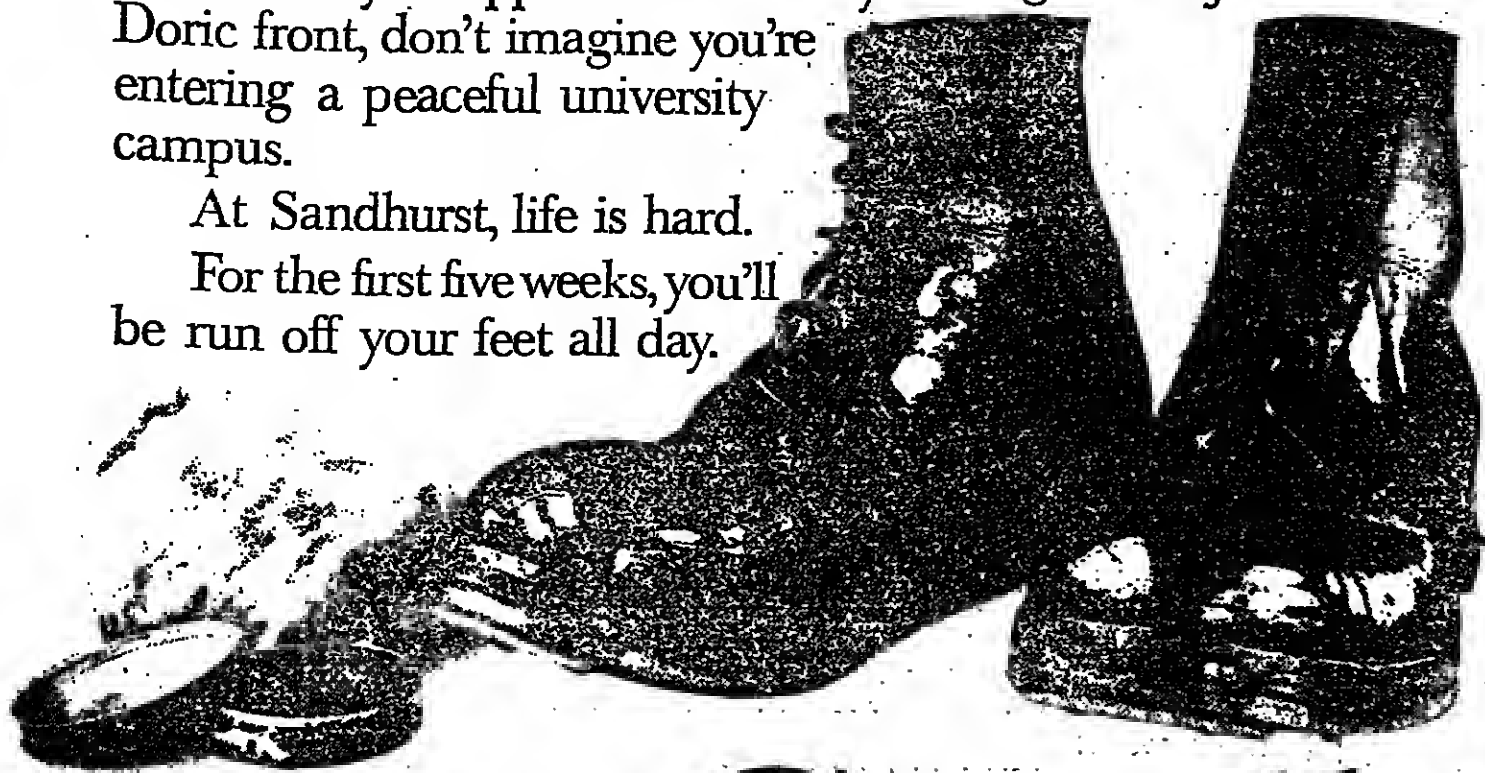
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CALL FOR  
£1 NOTES  
BY BANKS

By CON COUGHLIN

A PROPOSAL that

England should use

Scottish pound notes as an

alternative to the un-

popular pound coin was

made to Mr Lawson, Chan-

cellor yesterday.

The Adam Smith Institute,

wants the Government to pass

legislation to allow the Scottish

banks to issue their bank notes

in England.

Under an anomaly dating

back to the 1920s three Scot-

tish banks, the Royal Bank of

Scotland, the Bank of Scot-

land and the Clydesdale Bank, are

permitted to print their own £1

notes. But under existing laws

they are not allowed to issue

them outside Scotland.

In a report submitted yester-

day the Institute also recom-

mends that high street banks

and building societies in Eng-

land should be allowed to issue

their own bank notes.

This would scrap the 60-year

monopoly the Bank of Eng-

land has held on the issue of bank

notes. There are currently 560

million £1 notes in Britain, and

it costs the Bank of England

£3 million to keep them in

circulation.

TSB notes

The Institute argues that

there is no case for such tight

regulation of note issue, and

that strict rules over banking

have reduced competition and

concentrated power in a few

large banks.

The report also recommends

that the Bank of England

should be reorganised so that

the Bank of Scotland should

have the right to issue notes in

Scotland.

First indications were that

the report was unlikely to find

favour with the Treasury.

Officials said the Government

had already made its decision to

phase out the £1 note.

"What the Institute seems

to have forgotten is that it costs

a lot of money to keep notes

in circulation, and not many

other people are prepared to

accept the cost," said a spokes-

man.

Latest Wills

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TV shopping scheme  
cost taxpayers £1m

By HARVEY LEE Television Staff

A TWO-YEAR experiment in shopping by tele-

vision involving 1,000 homes in Birmingham

has received £1 million in subsidy from the Depart-

ment of Trade and Industry.

Subscribers to Club 405

have been able to use

specially adapted television

sets and home computer

monitors linked to Prestel

by telephone to buy food

and drink, book theatre

tickets and pay household

bills.

The project was launched in

March last year by the govern-

ment and a consortium of televi-

sion companies to test televi-

sion shopping and to gauge

the commercial possibilities of

interactive services that might

be offered on cable.

Subscriptions waived

The test period ends in the

new year, after which the

Department of Trade and In-

dustry will withdraw financial

support, although Club 405 will

continue to be run by Prestel

and a consortium of televi-

sion companies, a sister

company to the Birmingham

Post and Mail.

The level of subscribers is

well short of the 2,500 homes

originally envisaged. As an

incentive to boost the number

of subscribers, the annual sub-

scription fee of £24 will be waived

for new and existing customers

once Club 405 becomes fully

commercial in the New Year.

Families participating in the

trial run have been paying £12

a quarter for a package of news,

information and services. Some

retailers have offered discounts

of up to 20 per cent on goods

ordered by videotape.

Mr Pat Montague, of View-

Tel Services, admitted that con-

sumers suffered from lack of

information and a narrow

choice of retailers participating

in the scheme. Most of the

home shopping has been

through the Carrefour hyper-

market.

Commercial knowledge

Customers select goods dis-

played on their television

screen, then phone their order

through a Prestel-linked Club 405

or via a telephone order

in excess of £25 for free.

The Department of Trade

and Industry claims that it will

not initiate similar teleshopping

schemes in other cities, although

it will make available to world-

wide operators the commercial

knowledge of what the

Club 405 experiment.

A Department spokesman

said: "Viewdata needs to be

dynamic and up to date, other-

wise customers quickly lose

interest."

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## Obituary

PETER de  
POLNAY

By DAVID HOLLOWAY

PETER de POLNAY,

the prolific novelist,

who wrote more than 50

books, died suddenly at his

Paris home last week, at

the age of 78.

Staying strictly in the middle

of the road, de Polnay never

received the success or acclaim

he deserved.

His well-written, entertaining

novels were not the sort of

books to win literary

prizes. At the same time, he

never attracted a large read-

ership and only a few of his

novels appeared as paperbacks.

On form, and sometimes his

writing was badly off, it was an

accomplished storyteller whose

writing spanned across the his-

torical spectrum.

His social comedies, includ-

ing "The Price of Trees", pro-

vided the bulk of his best work,

though some of his most im-

portant novels, including "The

Resistance", showed how good

a storyteller he could be.

Resistance work

Although a British subject,

de Polnay was the complete

cosmopolitan. His parents had







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## VODKA AND CARROTS

MR KINNOCK HAS EVERY RIGHT to be pleased with himself for having been granted an audience with President CHERNENKO in the Kremlin after being given the sort of treatment accorded to backwater Third World leaders, but it would be foolish to attach too much importance to the meeting. That it took place at all has less to do with Labour's anti-nuclear defence policy (which the Soviet Union almost certainly treats as a joke) than with Mr CHERNENKO's wish to put himself about a bit on the international circuit and show the West that Mr GROMYKO is not the only one in the Politburo who knows something about foreign policy. Thus Mr KINNOCK's wisecracks about LENIN (no laughing matter, this time, to the serious men who run Russia), and any misunderstandings about what he and Mr HEALEY were told across the green baize table, will be overlooked, at least for the moment.

If Messrs KINNOCK and HEALEY can be believed — and Messrs POOT and HEALEY made a frightful hash of their briefing in the Kremlin a few years ago and finished up peddling Soviet propaganda — Mr CHERNENKO's line was that it was time for "new thinking" in the United States-Soviet relations in order to "normalise" relations and achieve arms control. Mr CHERNENKO apparently seeks a resumption of the détente of the late 1970s. This seems to have impressed Mr KINNOCK but he should recall that it was during this period that Soviet-backed forces invaded or seized control of South Vietnam, Angola, Ethiopia and Cambodia, and then came Afghanistan which killed stone-dead détente. Restraining such Soviet behaviour was why President REAGAN was elected, and re-elected.

Nevertheless it is the Kremlin's mood music that is ultimately much more interesting for East-West relations than any offers or proposals or initiatives put forward yesterday. It was surely predictable that the Russians would have a small carrot or two up their sleeve to go with the vodka and caviar. These are irrelevant carrots. The real test of Soviet intentions will come in Geneva in January at a meeting which could lead to serious arms control negotiations with America.

## SIR KEITH PURSUED BY HORNETS

SIR KEITH JOSEPH is that rarity among politicians: a man whose faith in the power of rational argument remains unshaken by a lifetime's exposure to the rough old world of politics. Long before he entered the portals of the Department of Education he had been intellectually convinced of the inequity of a system whereby a small minority in each generation was enabled to enhance its future prospects through further education paid for by the mass of taxpayers including those themselves devoid of that chance. His preference — and again a logical preference at that — was to move over from a régime of student grants to one of student loans. But this solution was eventually blackballed. He then fell back upon the proposition that upper-income families should lose entitlement to grant, and pay towards the cost of tuition also; and stepped straight into a political hornets' nest.

As MARGOT NORMAN documents elsewhere on this page, some middle-class parents thus find themselves confronted overnight with the prospect that their bill for two children over the next university year will come to £4,000 instead of less than half that sum. Hardly surprisingly, Tory MPs find their post-boxes jammed with furious protests from normally dependable supporters who could fall prey to temptation from the Liberals and the S.D.P. If there were to be an upset in the current by-election in North London, many Tories would not look far for their scapegoat.

In the judgment of this newspaper student loans would have produced a better answer. But since this answer was rejected, the Cabinet should now be prepared to grit its teeth and give Sir Keith its backing. Since the proposition was accepted that entitlement to student grant was properly the subject of a parental means test, it has really followed logically that the full cost should be met by parents deemed to be in a position to afford it. The trade-off between means and contribution is obviously a matter for argument. But a party which believes in the enhancement of personal provision in preference to the centralised allocation of resources should not shrink from charging those best able to afford it the fair cost of privileged advancement.

## BACK TO BASICS

SPEECHES DEFENDING DEMOCRACY — like Mrs Thatcher's Carlton lecture, delivered yesterday, which bore the optimistic title "Why Democracy Will Last" — suffer from the disadvantage that today everybody officially supports democracy. The most brutal post-war dictator lacks the candour and self-confidence of Hitler and Mussolini. He hastens to call himself a "People's Democracy". Our apprentice dictators at home go one better and accuse the hesitant governors of the liberal democratic State of "creeping authoritarianism" or "Gestapo tactics". At the level of unexamined platitudes, then, democracy is universally admired. This poses a problem for the conventional democratic politician. A speech on the topic inevitably sounds either like a string of platitudes or like a hysterical over-reaction, crying "wolf" when some Left-wing sheep bares its teeth. It must be said that Mrs Thatcher's effusion was not entirely free of the first defect. But few critics are likely to make the second complaint when mobs are burning houses or beating up dissenting unionists in order to compel a change of Government policy.

In defending democracy, then, one is required today than merely praising it. Its enemies must be countered both theoretically and practically. The theoretical opposition to it comes mainly from people who are so convinced of both the rightness and the urgency of their position that they believe it overrides the rules of the democratic game. "Survival," this argument runs, "is more important than democracy." Indeed, it is. To answer the criticism directly: if survival is so vital, then the views of the majority on how to ensure it should prevail. Mrs Thatcher's main argument last night — that the majority sometimes needs to be protected against over-mighty minorities — was something which, in the cant phrase, really needed saying. But it also needs acting upon. Denunciations of local councils which defy the law are worse than useless if those denunciations are then followed by granting half the councils' demands. And resistance to strike violence is equally futile if it is not accompanied by appropriate punishment. Democracy is not hostile to authority. They require each other.

## Squeezing the student grant until parental votes squeak

WHEN bank managers start telephoning the National Union of Students to ask for advice on a financial problem — namely how to find the cash to put an elder son through university without having to take the younger one away from public school — then it is clear that the latest changes in the student grant regulations are causing a bit of a panic.

Tory backbenchers feel extremely uneasy about letters from their party's nearest and dearest, the middle class, middle-income voters who want their children to get on in the world, which accuse the Government of bringing in a punitive system of what is in effect socialist taxation aimed more surely at them than anything the last Labour Government dreamt up.

Most are too busy about the old grant regulations to assess the real impact of the changes wrought over two years by Sir Keith Joseph and his junior Minister, Peter Brooke, but they take it seriously when they are told: "From now on, only the very poor and the very rich will be able to send their children to university."

In 1983 parents with a "residual" income (before tax but after deductions for mortgage interest, superannuation and life insurance premiums) of between £7,000 and £9,000 were expected to contribute one pound in every seven they earned to their student offspring's maintenance. Above £9,000 the scale fell away to one pound in eight and then, above £14,500, to one in 15. Everyone got a minimum grant of £410, students' travel costs were reimbursed in full and, although the full grant was barely enough for a student to live on, middle class parents were still able to assume that the cost of their children's higher education could more or less be met from petty cash. In effect, it was being met by a subsidy from the mass of taxpayers who earned less than they did.

THIS year the scales were altered to spare the poor and start hitting the better off, the minimum grant was halved, life insurance stopped being deductible and a ceiling was put on travel costs. Next year there will be no minimum grant, the scales are steepner again (£1 in £4 for all households bringing in a residual income over £15,000) and those earning £20,000 or so will for the first time have to pay tuition fees of £520.

The sort of working couple who might have been able, with careful long-term planning, to afford independent day school fees had better start planning for a similar outlay — say, £9,000 for a three-year degree course — when their children are 18 and, in the eyes of the law, independent. They had also better believe it when Sir Keith says he is not going to set out on the route to charging them full tuition fees, currently £5,500 a year for an art student and £7,500 for a medic.

The snag, of course, is that there is no time to plan. Take

Mr O., a middle-ranking civil servant married to a teacher, whose twin daughters started their degree courses last month. At Easter he consulted his local authority handbook on student grants, clearly marked 1984, and calculated that he would have to find £1,912 for the girls this year. His calculations were correct, but the local authority had bad news for him: full details of the 1984-5 grant regulations had only just come through from central Government, and would he please note that his revised contribution would be £2,621.

Mr O. soon afterwards suffered a mild heart attack, from which

Are we approaching the day when universities will be for the very rich or the very poor, asks

MARGOT NORMAN

he was still recovering a fortnight ago when the outline regulations for next year were announced. He had just worked out that his contribution would leap as a result to £6,125 — more than a threefold increase over two years — when he was saved from an early grave by the news that Peter Brooke had put a top limit of £4,000 on contributions from any one family.

Mr Brooke, who is a shrewd politician, presumably thought it was worth passing up the booty he could have collected from millionaires with several children in order to preserve the health and party loyalty of families earning £22,000 or so. Some backbenchers fear he may have miscalculated. About 53,000 families with student offspring will have to find an extra £725 next year and altogether 130,000 families will be worse off to varying degrees.

Naturally it would take more than the few pounds it will cost those at the lower end, earning about £15,000, to turn lifelong Tories into Alliance voters. But 100,000 families probably constitute more than half a million voters (mother, father and student) with a grouse, and the number leaves out of account those who were hit last year and all those with children going to college between now and the next election.

It also leaves out of account the geographical distribution of families who could previously have counted on a minimum grant and who will therefore have to dig deepest in their pockets.

Yet the Government had to do something to halt the rising cost of student grants. International comparisons for a base year of 1979, carefully worked out by Education Department officials to take account of purchasing power in different countries, showed that while Britain was banding each student £1,053 neither France, Germany,

Holland nor the United States provided much over £200.

A mixed system of grants and loans was usual for our industrial rivals, but William Waldegrave's attempt at a British version of this mixture was rejected as being both too expensive (because of the slow pay-back) and politically unacceptable. Hence the hurry to bring in the Joseph/Brooke package, that is being called "loans by the back door."

Lewis Elton, professor of education at Surrey University, accepts that our 22-year-old grant arrangements are in the long run untenable. He believes that young adults will not simply revert to asking their parents for every penny like children, but will look for term-time earnings instead. He sees the universities employing them to help run the campus, as American colleges do, and he sees the institutions extending courses to four years in order to maintain standards while students do all this earning. That would dramatically increase the Government's higher education bills.

Many in the pro-loans lobby think the pressure will be exerted in the opposite direction, for two-year degree courses. They believe the higher education establishment to be wrong in its virtually unanimous rejection of two-year degree courses and they expect to see standards maintained by means of long terms and short holidays. Since this system will give students no opportunity to earn as they learn, they presumably foresee a few graduates with large debts who will demand higher starting salaries. (American graduates receive an average starting salary of getting on for \$30,000 — about £24,000 — these days.)

THE key question exercising the minds of vice chancellors, politicians and the NUS is: how many willing and able students will either drop courses they have already begun or abandon the idea of doing a degree at the last moment because it would cost their parents too much?

Desperate measures, such as throwing an intending student out on the street with nothing but his four brilliant A-levels to support him, will not get parents off the hook: unless the "child" has been self-supporting for three years, or is over 25, his grant is assessed in relation to his parents' joint earnings.

The NUS thinks more girls than boys may drop out. There are some 4,000 students, predominantly girls, who have been struggling through on nothing but the minimum grant and their vacation earnings because their parents disowned them or refused to fill in the grant forms. Now the minimum grant has gone, they will go too. There are sure to be more arguments of the "I'll finance you to do law but not to do art or bloody history" variety, and more students will probably take a combination of some sort of job and a part-time course. Others will plow to put off a degree until they have supported themselves for three years, but when the time comes many will surely forget the idea.

## LONDON DAY BY DAY

## Kinnock's Kremlin visit upstaged

A SHREWD TACTICAL MOVE by the Prime Minister's Press Secretary, Bernard Ingham, yesterday spoiled Neil Kinnock's hopes of receiving the undivided attention of television news for his meeting with President Chernenko in the Kremlin.

For the leader of the opposition it was the highlight of his trip to Russia — the moment when British viewers would at last see him play the role of statesman on the world stage.

But out of the blue yesterday morning 11 TV cameras were invited to cover Mrs Thatcher's lecture at the Carlton Club, in which she launched her philosophical attack on the "hard-Left" and the threat they pose to democracy.

The film, provided to all channels on a "pooling" basis, was certain to make headlines and spoil Kinnock's moment of glory.

As one Labour MP fumed last night: "Monstrous news manipulation. Neil's going to be furious."

## Humouring them

LORD HOME, principal speaker at the opening of "Left, Write and Centre," an exhibition of politicians' houses which was launched yesterday by the Upper Waiting Room of the House of Commons, confirmed his reputation as our most modest former Prime Minister.

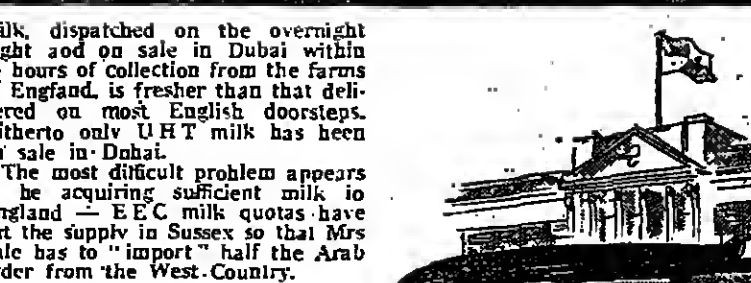
Speaking of the two qualifications for entering a book Home said: "Authors had to be alive and must have had a book published of over 50 pages. I just qualified under both headings."

Times really are hard at the B.B.C. if a memo to staff from Margaret Hurd, the organiser of Schools Broadcasting, Radio, is anything to go by. She writes: "We have only one lightbulb in the photocopying room at the moment. Although this has been reported, we all know the sort of delays to expect. To prevent us having to photocopy or find stationery in complete darkness should the other bulb fail, would you please make sure the light is switched off when you have finished in the room and when there is no one else waiting. Many thanks."

## Dubai daily deliveries

A DAIRY near Gatwick Airport has cornered a potentially lucrative market by extending its milk deliveries beyond Sussex to the Gulf State of Dubai, where it has signed a contract to supply more than 1,000 pints a day.

Molly Sale, the owner of the Woodgate Farm dairy, claims that the



milk, dispatched on the overnight flight and on sale in Dubai within 24 hours of collection from the farms of England, is fresher than that delivered on most English doorsteps.

Hitherto only U.H.T. milk has been on sale in Dubai.

The most difficult problem appears to be acquiring sufficient milk to England — E.E.C. milk quotas have cut the supply in Sussex so that Mrs Sale has to "import" half the Arab order from the West Country.

## In Labour

ONE PROMINENT Left-winger missing from last week's near-riot in the Commons was the Labour social services spokesman Harriet Harman, who was unavoidably detained in Guy's Hospital where she gave birth that day to a son.

Labour colleagues believe that by having two children in two consecutive Parliamentary sessions Harman, whose duties include being Labour's spokesman on the "Under-fives," has broken all Commons maternity records.

## Full Huddle of steam

IN ELECTING John Heddle chairman of the Conservative party's national Local Government Advisory Committee, the Tories in the shires have indeed picked a doubtful figure to fight their corner.

His track record, first as a Kent county councillor in the mid-70s and then as MP for mid-Stafrshire is formidable. He cut his campaigning teeth by successfully fishing a plan for a 650-acre reservoir near Caterbury and went on to get the law changed over the rating of empty factories.

Heddle's latest campaign is to persuade the Government to bring leisure plots and horse-grazing plots — the scourge of green belt areas around major towns — under proper control. A man the mandarins at the Department of Environment may well think it prudent to watch.

## What's up, Doc?

CINEMA BUFFS whose childhood memories reach back to Bugs Bunny, Sylvester and Tweety Pie, Elmer Fudd and Wile E. Coyote, will be enthralled that the ICA Cinema is staging a season of Hollywood short films and may be less amused at the heavy interpretive comment accompanying it.

The season, entitled "That's Not All Folks!", features the work of such animators as Fritz Frelen and Tex Avery, whose work was, apparently, "a profound influence on the work of Jean-Luc Godard, Jerry Lewis and Steven Spielberg."

The children of the 1940s and '50s



may, it seems, have been unaware that America's "conservative" employ radical narrative disjunction, direct address to the audience, deconstruction and reassemble their characters and reveal the processes of their own making. Fortunately perhaps they also still "redeem" spectators from six to 60 to helpless laughter.

## Appropriate lot

A COURT CLOAK which formerly belonged to the Empress of Abyssinia is being auctioned at Christie's next week, appropriately to raise money for Oxfam's Ethiopian famine relief operation.

The Empress — Haile Selassie's wife — took the cloak with her when the family fled following the Italian invasion in 1935, and later gave it to a family they stayed with in Durban on the way back to Addis Ababa in 1941. It was donated to Oxfam by the family to help the famine relief programme.

The cloak is made of pane velvet, trimmed with gold braid and Christie's who have waived their commission charge, hope that it will fetch a four-figure sum.

## On a shining night

THE GRIMSBY EVENING TELEGRAPH, Lincolnshire, reported last Thursday: "Three hundred doren eggs were stolen from a farm on the B1183 at Moorbay, six miles south of Horn-castle. Poachers are suspected."

## PETERBOROUGH

## 'OXBRIDGE' IDENTITY CRISES

SIR—I refer to your report (Nov. 21) on applications to Oxford and Cambridge. Perhaps the reasons for the drop in numbers are to be found in experiences similar to ours in my school.

Every October, we launch forty-five 18-year-olds into degree courses all over Britain. This points to the high level of competence of our staff and to the good motivation of our students. Yet, each year, we have only a trickle of successful applicants going up to Oxford or Cambridge, rather than the stream I believe it could well be.

Following the advice of the colleges that we do not lay on a great deal of extra tuition for Oxford and Cambridge candidates. Indeed, we can not staff such, and what extra help we provide is mostly as a result of staff goodwill and interest, and takes place at lunchtime or after school.

Each year, we put the idea of entry to Oxford or Cambridge to our Lower Sixth, usually early in the summer term, and ask staff for comments about students' chances. Each year, we find that the number who sustain interest in the idea quickly drops.

Some feel they might be aiming too high. Sometimes it is subject teachers who suggest this, though I believe some teachers in sixth forms think Oxford and Cambridge requirements are higher than they actually are. Some students rightly feel that they can find courses better suited to their needs in other universities.

Some withdraw their interest feeling (as probably some of their parents would agree) that they are pawns in a socio-political game, aimed at reducing the independent schools' disproportionate share of places allocated.

These are intelligent young students, and they are as capable as I am of discovering that only about 15 per cent of all sixth formers are in independent schools, yet their pools are still gaining roughly half the places at Oxford and Cambridge! This is after several years of State schools being wooed by most of the colleges.

Of those who become firm candidates, not all successfully gain admission. To

some extent, we accept that this will have to be the case. On the other hand, to some extent we find a strange air of unreality about some of the reactions, where candidates have shown to us in school a similar potential to those accepted.

From the outset I encourage all candidates to see Oxford and Cambridge entry as a kind of the selection process, a "lottery." Doubts are raised with us each year: "should we really have encouraged them to go forward? We really, strictly speaking, haven't. Was it their own fault? (almost all are called for an interview) that clinched the issue? Have they let down the school in the eyes of their first choice college?"

Such heart-searchings must seem foreign to those schools, now mainly independent, with a history of Oxford and Cambridge entry stretching back a century. But in a school 12 years old with its Sixth Form only two universities and its recently established, such much more to these two universities and identity crises must be common and must surely help to explain any drop in the volume of applications.

Yet I have not mentioned more general matters that probably also help to explain the drop in State school applications. The increasing pressure on the staffs of State schools, the insistence that they should be more and more tasks by new central government, pastoral care, curriculum reform, submission of more and more reports as part of the stampede towards "accountability" to parents, Governors, elected members, R.M.I. etc., leave less and less time for the luxury of maintaining a stream of State school students applying to Oxford and Cambridge!

I do regret the drop, both as Head and as an individual. I hope State schools will continue to offer themselves to the colleges at Oxford and Cambridge until trickle becomes stream, and stream becomes flood—not least because, as a former Yorkshire grammar school boy, I still treasure the wonderful experience of broad education afforded to me as an Oxford undergraduate.

MICHAEL J. FETHNEY  
Headmaster  
Abbey Grange C. of E. High School, Leeds.

## Water charge burdens

SIR—I was very surprised to read, C.R. D. S. Mead's advice that single householders should install a water meter (Nov. 22).

I have heard chairman of more than one water authority state that only those who use a large amount of water would gain from the installation of a meter, and that single people who did so would probably be faced with even larger bills.

All taxpayers use water, yet only those who are also ratepayers are going to be made to face an increased cost of up to 55 per cent, over the next three years.

This Government, of which I have been a staunch supporter, has twice failed to implement a firm manifesto pledge to reform the domestic rating system.

If these increased water charges are imposed, they will indeed be adding insult to injury, particularly where single people and pensioners are concerned.

J. M. SNOW  
Buddleigh Salterton, Devon.

## Pre-reformation days

SIR—Mr Ken Livingstone (Nov. 15) states that 74 per cent of Londoners are opposed to the abolition of the Greater London Council, according to a local television channel sample of 1,023.

What a contrast to the onchallenged "abolition" 10 years ago of councils in England and Wales, outside London! Perhaps the proposal at the time to put councillors on the payroll of the present bureaucracies contributed to the apathy.

By present standards unpaid councillors, regardless of politics, had a splendid record of curbing local authority excesses and their reintroduction is overdue.

FRANK DEDMAN  
Crawley, Sussex.

## Sensitive people

SIR—My company has been manufacturing jelly babies for many years, and at no time have we discriminated against them in terms of race, creed or sex. I should therefore like to take Mr K. E. Morgan (Nov. 17) to task for his suggestion that we should be criticised by the Equal Opportunities Commission.

There are certain production problems in making a true representation of the male and female anatomy. However, we at Squirrel Horn go to great lengths to ensure a fair division of male and female jelly babies. We closely follow the demographic breakdown of the population based upon the latest census statistics on a national level, and try, where possible, to allow for regional variations.

For the benefit of Mr Morgan, and any of your other readers, jelly babies are very sensitive little people who like to keep themselves to themselves. The important thing is that they know which are male and which are female, and that is all that matters.

There are already enough sex tests being undertaken in this country, without subjecting our jelly babies to such scrutiny. Eat them by all means, but please allow them their dignity.

JOHN B. HARDY  
Chairman, Squirrel Horn plc  
Stockport, Greater Manchester.

## Disturbing decay of Britons' teeth

SIR—I am pleased to see that the subject of improving our dental health is being discussed in your columns. The poor dental condition and high dental caries (decay) rate in the population of the United Kingdom have been a cause for concern for many years.

The improvement in children's dental health over the last few years noted by Mr G. Somerville, of the Sugar Bureau (Nov. 21), has been mainly in affluent areas, but the decay rate remains disturbingly high in less privileged parts of the country.

Where an improvement has been observed, no one is quite sure of the reason. Fluoridation of the public water supplies has, of course, played a part in the relatively few areas where it is "on tap," and the wider use of fluoride-containing toothpastes has also helped.

Another factor, however, is an improvement in eating habits, coupled with a better understanding of the importance of diet in influencing dental health, as a consequence of the greater efforts now being made in the field of health education.

Indeed, as your article on "Better tooth care" the following day (Nov. 22) points out, the declining decay rate is

## Content to be jobless

SIR—Hardly a day goes by without some reference to the sufferings induced by mass unemployment and the indifference of hard-faced Tories. That there is widespread suffering no party politician dare dispute.

I can dispute it, backed by impeccable credentials of three years of being unemployed.

Since the rise in the numbers of jobless does not affect Tory popularity in the polls, a great many of the jobless, seemingly to tolerate being unemployed.

Those who don't mind can be deflected, for example, many unemployed, skilled operators who do monotonous work, with happily off for the day. They find a quite satisfactory trade-off between £100 a week in work and £80 a week on the dole. It is not a question of being lazy so much as being sensible. Who does feel enthusiastic about mental work?

Another sector could be youngsters, out of school, with indifferent "O" levels and no special talents focusing their aspirations. Their youth sub-culture activities compensate for work. Even more mature workers can find the dole, tolerable since they question goals being defined in purely economic terms.

Since the present wave of unemployment began, there has been a 25 per cent rise in those registering artistic, recreational and community interests. Such a change in goals is commonplace among managerial classes than is generally suspected. A study was conducted into the effects of career counselling services on the "taking" rate of unemployed executives. The study concluded that, while many benefited from career counselling, there were a number who did not since they were not seriously job-seeking.

Another section who could be finding the present economic climate tolerable includes the pensioners and the retired. This 10 million-strong, powerful bloc of the population will find few incentives, a boon and job prospects, of course, are irrelevant.

COLIN STYLE  
West Malling, Maidstone.

## A small sacrifice

SIR—So conservationists in the south of England are worried about the spread of land-based on rivers over the countryside (report, Nov. 19).

While any damage to the countryside should be avoided, I feel that the south of England is only being asked to make a very small sacrifice for the benefit of the nation as a whole, compared with the horrendous desecration of the countryside suffered by the north of England, Scotland and Wales during the exploitation of coal and iron ore over the past 200 years.

Until recently the south of England benefited financially and economically from this exploitation without suffering from its ill effects, while I do have sympathy for them in their present situation, I am afraid my sympathy will only have a small "s."

(Dr) HUGH M. MACKENZIE  
Glasgow.

thought to be partly due to the lower consumption of sugar. This includes not only table sugar, but sugar in confectionery and many types of cakes, biscuits, puddings, ice-cream and desserts, not forgetting the sugar in all the different kinds of soft drinks that are so popular with children.

The dental profession and health educators have repeatedly pointed out that it is not so much the total amount of sugar consumed, as the frequency of intake that leads to dental damage. Mr Somerville is right to remind us that before dental caries develops, the presence of micro-organisms are needed; but virtually all of us have these in our mouths, and they do not lead to caries in the absence of sugar.

Painstaking research has shown us that other members of the carbohydrate family, such as starch, food, is not nearly as harmful to the teeth as sugar, because the texture and stickiness of foods also have to be taken into account.

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## Jardine shares jump

JARDINE MATHESON shares jumped 5p to 92.5p in London yesterday after rumours in the Hong Kong market that the bank was about to sell a substantial part of its holding in British and American firms. In London there was a firm "no comment" from a spokesman for Jardine Matheson and the company. "I have not heard this rumour before," said a spokesman.

Jardine speculation and the latest half point cut in local interest rates helped the Hang Seng index reach a seven-month high at 1,113.96, almost 18 points higher on the day.

## Volvo pays more

PRE-TAX profits at Volvo Group, the electrical manufacturer previously owned by Ford, rose 10 per cent to £1.3m in the half year to Sept. 30. The interim dividend is 10p, up from 9p a year ago.

The bank will remain a minority partner until Stock Exchange rules allow it to move to full ownership. Chasé said that its "immediate intention" is not to interfere with the day-to-day management of the firm. The bank also said it would not impose its own ideas on them but would continue to develop a long-term strategy.

## Sterling surges

STERLING's rise in the futures market is lifting its interim dividend from 0.225p to 0.25p, payable Jan. 25. Pre-tax first-half profits surged from £1.1m to £1.3m. Capital profits are effectively taken to reserves.

## War rates cut

INSURERS yesterday cut the war risk premium on ships going to the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea, from 2.5 p.c. to 2 p.c. for a seven-day stay, a drop from between 3.5 p.c. and 4 p.c. because it is more than a month since an attack. There is also a war risk premium of just over 1 p.c. for cargo.

## Gold down \$4.5

THE PRICE of gold took a tumble in the London bullion market yesterday, down \$4.50 a ounce after briefly trading at \$336. The decline was attributed to general and professional selling on the back of the renewed strength of the United States dollar.

## Fenner tops £6m

J. H. FENNER Holdings has beaten its July profit forecast of £5.8m with full year profits of £6.1m. Turnover rose from £17.1m to £17.8m. The final dividend has been maintained at 5p net for unchanged 5p.

## Coral expands

BASS, Britain's biggest brewer, is through its subsidiary, Coral, to expand its licensed betting office chain with the acquisition of Heathcote for an undisclosed sum. The purchase includes 47 betting shops and will bring Coral's total number of outlets to over 700.

## Senews purchase

SENEWS, the South Coast newspaper publisher, has acquired Charles Clarke (Hawthorn) Ltd, publishers of the Min-Sussex Times and its sister paper in a cash and shares deal. The purchase is financed by Citicorp Venture Capital and Electra Investments.

## WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM	176.40 + 2.60
ANF CBS Genl	158.50 + 1.31
ARUSSEL	1,092.10 + 6.50
FRANKFURT	1,113.96 + 17.92
HONGKONG	1,212.35 - 7.95
NEW YORK	180.90 + 0.90
PARIS	765.50 - 7.20
SYDNEY	11,162.96 + 74.44
TOKYO	813.20 - 0.20
ZURICH	

## U.S. RATES

Federal funds	9 p.c. (unch)
Treas. 3 month	8.47-42 (8.45-40)
Long bonds	8.02-13 (8.03-21)
Yield	11.83 p.c. (unch)

## U.S. COMMODITIES

GOLD (Comex)	346.4
336.5	341.1
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## FT-ACTUARIES INDICES

Link House	564.77 (+6.93)
500	605.46 (+6.40)
All-Share	554.97 (+5.35)

# Chase buys into Milbank and Simon & Coates

By ANNE SEGALL

CHASE MANHATTAN, the American banking giant, yesterday announced one of the boldest moves yet in the rapidly changing United Kingdom securities market in a simultaneous deal to acquire Laurie Milbank and Simon & Coates, the last two leading stockbroking firms to form outside links.

It follows the move by Union Bank of Switzerland to acquire Phillips and Drew earlier this month and leaves Cazenove among the stockbroking majors still on its own. It is understood that Cazenove is determined to maintain its independence.

The suggestion that Chase may have acted hurriedly in making up for lost time by swallowing two firms instead of one was firmly denied yesterday by Anthony Terracciano, head of Chase's international investment banking operations. He said Chase had been looking at opportunities in the London market for the past year and would have been happy to do a deal with just one of the two firms.

But when it became apparent a few weeks ago that a simultaneous deal would be acceptable to all concerned, the opportunity to go for both firms proved "irresistible," Mr Terracciano explained. Chase would not dislodge either firm from its position as one of the two firms of the size of its initial stake, although the stakes could vary for technical reasons.

The bank will remain a minority partner until Stock Exchange rules allow it to move to full ownership. Chase claimed that its "immediate intention" is not to interfere with the day-to-day management of the firms. The bank also said it would not impose its own ideas on them but would continue to develop a long-term strategy.

## Treasury pessimistic on interest rate trend

By FRANCES WILLIAMS

THE Treasury is assuming little or no fall in interest rates next year, it emerged yesterday, despite assurances by ministers that present policies are designed to keep interest rates on a downward track.

The Chancellor's autumn statement revealed that the cost of servicing Government debt was expected to be £1.1 billion in 1988-89, a fall from £1.2 billion in 1987-88. Giving evidence yesterday to the all-party Treasury Select Committee of M.P.s, Sir Terence Burns, the Government's chief economist, admitted that most of the extra was due to a higher assumed level of interest rates, rather than to the £1.5 billion overrun in public borrowing this year.

The Treasury does not publish interest rate forecasts because of their market sensitivity, Sir Terence was at pains to stress that the upward revision meant simply a more pessimistic assessment of prospects compared with the Budget. But the size of the discrepancy suggests that the Treasury is assuming little or no cut in rates from present levels.

## Norway delays oil price cut

NORWAY was yesterday delaying another cut in North Sea oil prices as spot market trading continued to slump along at a five-month low. Traders are expecting Statil, the Norwegian state-owned company, to reduce its price by at least 30 cents a barrel to come into line with the \$26.65 a barrel level set by the British National Oil Corporation for Brent crude.

The earlier cut by Norway triggered last month's crisis which led to the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries cutting production to avoid a price slide. Norway increased prices this month in line with spot market trends but the turnaround in the crude trading is forcing the Norwegians to fall back into line with B.N.O.C.

Spot market prices for Brent oil for delivery in January were hovering around the \$27 a barrel mark yesterday, a discount of £1.65 on the official B.N.O.C. level. Traders say that the mid weather in Europe and the United States and the feeling that Opec needs to do more to underpin the market is forcing prices down.

## Link House agrees £88m bid

By JOHN RUDOFSKY

REGIONAL newspaper group United Newspapers is bidding £88.5 million for Link House Publications, best known for its leading title EXCHANGE AND MART. After a 30-month courtship the deal has been agreed between United Newspapers and the founding families of Link House who brought their business to the stock market just five years ago at a price of £15 million.

With the support of the Link House board and the families United Newspapers immediately secured about 60 p.c. of the equity, subject to the approval of the Office of Fair Trading the deal should go through. David Stevens, United Newspapers' chairman, said he agreed to get an agreed deal for some time but negotiations became more difficult in the last few weeks. He said United Newspapers can significantly improve the earnings of Link House.

Though the company's profits record has been good, Link House's pre-tax in the year to next June 30 against £7.9 million, they have been centred on the EXCHANGE AND MART publications and OPPORTUNITIES, a local authority jobs newspaper. The hanks and magazines side have not been doing well and even EXCHANGE AND MART circulation has fallen for the last five years.

THE DOLLAR gave one of its periodic demonstrations of strength yesterday despite declines in United States interest rates. The pound lost 1.45 cents to \$1.2000 while in terms of Deutschmarks the American currency advanced from DM5.0540 to DM5.0585. In other European currencies and in the yen the pattern was the same.

To say that rates in prime lending rates posted by United States banks had anyway been discounted before Citibank's announcement of a one-quarter point reduction to 11 1/2 p.c. is only to say that interest rate changes don't seem to matter for the moment. Or, to put it another way, all the discussion that exceptionally slow growth in the money supply, as confirmed by last week's figures, will cause the Federal Reserve Board to order further reductions in the discount rate have been declared irrelevant.

What seems more important to bankers, treasurers of international companies and investors is the state of the American economy. The recent slowing in the rapid growth seen earlier in 1984 to a more pedestrian pace is read as good news, particularly as inflation remains convincingly subdued.

The notion that steeper progress may be followed by recession is still seen as unduly pessimistic. Meanwhile, the boost to sentiment provided by Mr Reagan's stunning victory in the presidential election continues to do its work.

As for the pound, it showed particular weakness yesterday, also losing ground against Continental currencies. The index measuring its value against a basket of currencies touched 74 at 3 p.m., equalling its all-time low, but then recovered slightly to end the day at 74.2.

There is a story of sorts which explains the pound's depression. North Sea oil. The continued weakness in North Sea oil prices has tarnished sterling's qualities as a petrocurrency. Yet if that sounds a pretty thin reason for selling pounds, it is.

The main point is that everyone loves the dollar. And as the year

# State of U.S. economy gives dollar strength

end approaches companies and banks will want to show attractive dollar values in their forthcoming balance sheets.

## Pensions milestone

TWO DAYS after Telecom Day, another deadline which has received less publicity but may ultimately be just as much a social milestone. Friday is the last day for submitting final thoughts on the need for personal portable pensions schemes, which future generations of workers can take with them as they move, willingly or unwillingly, from job to job.

Mr Fowler, Secretary of State, has been deluged with contributions, both before and after the publication of his consultative document during the summer. The Pru professes to be sufficiently worried still that individuals do not know enough about what is at stake that it is about to spend £400,000 on an advertising campaign.

Portability is, however, only a part of the review of pensions which Mr Fowler set up. Legislation to uprate pensions due to early leavers is already in hand. To protect them against inflation in the years between entitlement and actual payment. The Mr Fowler is also examining wider issues, including the future retirement ages for men and for women, and the future of the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (SERPS).

## Summing up a merger

TRYING to define the market for accounting services has held up the Office of Fair Trading's decision on whether a merger between Price Waterhouse and Deloitte Haskins & Sells falls within the

limits. First the OFT had to decide if there were any definition of the market which would put the merged firm with more than the 25 p.c. level, above which it may be investigated.

Only after that could they even start thinking about the public interest. If you take the 200 largest companies the two would have a 24 p.c. market share of auditing; extended it to the top 1,000 and they have 251 audits which just tips the share into the investigatable limit.

The two firms have argued this was far too narrow a view. For Price Waterhouse, which recently bought the management consultancy Urwick Orr, auditing is only about half its business. For Deloitte it is probably slightly more.

But if all services provided by all chartered accountancy firms are aggregated, the two would have 11.5 p.c. of the total market, could be £1.5 billion and the merged firm would have only about 4.5 p.c. of that. If the services provided by banks and solicitors in this field are added the value is probably doubled, and hence their share halved.

The American Justice Department gave the go-ahead in 28 days. The OFT last week completed its discussions with the firms and is expected to report to the Government before the end of this week. Even if the Government reacts instantly, the partners will have only a few days before voting on the merger. Four key countries have a veto - America, Britain, Canada and Australia - and they are all due to vote over the next 17 days.

Partners have to weigh the arguments for a merger in the 250-page document sent to them. The OFT and the Government have to consider the public interest, especially as more accountancy mergers are on the stocks and there may be concentration moves in other professional services for which this decision may set a precedent.

## Telecom carries unofficial premium

APPLICATIONS for British Telecom shares continued to come in by the sackful yesterday as unofficial dealings saw prices being quoted at about the 70p mark for the partly paid 50p shares.

Stockbrokers joined in the rush with the dispatch of thousands of applications from clients to supplement the million plus forms from the public. The average public application is believed to be around the £700-£800 mark but many are for the minimum 200 shares costing £200.

The world-wide demand for the £1.8 billion issue has surpassed all the optimistic estimates. "It seems every investor in the world wants a share of the BT action," said one source. Applications close tomorrow at 10 a.m. with predictions about the size of the oversubscription growing. Applicants pay for their shares in three stages, an initial 50p a share and two tranches of 40p each.

## Sumrie Clothes losses increase

SUMRIE Clothes, an active market of late, fell 7 to 53p yesterday following an increase in opening half pre-tax losses from £94,000 to £173,000 and news that the company's management have found problems inherited in March more difficult than expected.

The company is also postponing its proposed acquisition of Spatebrook, a leisurewear importer and distributor, to concentrate on returning its manufacturing business to profitability.

In June Michael Hepker, chairman, who joined the board in February as the representative of Le Chevalier, the Monaco-based investment company which together with associates has a near 29 p.c. stake, criticised previous management for expanding the group's retailing operations from two to four shops. These were closed and a £236,000 loss charged below the line.

Trading and margins were said to have improved, partly as a result of changes made by the new management, and a stringent policy of reducing overheads was being pursued. Further measures in improving margins during the second half are now being implemented.

## Dunlop sells 51pc Malaysian stake for £35m

DUNLOP HOLDINGS is to sell its 51 p.c. stake in Dunlop Malaysia to a consortium of about £500 million (£25 million cash). The buyer this time is to be Sime Darby and unlike the abortive attempt to sell the interest last year to Pegi, (the Malaysian company which owns some 26 p.c. of Dunlop Holdings), the Malaysian government is expected to approve this deal.

Sime is fairly close to ministerial circles so it may find it easier to fulfil the Dunlop requirement that the money be remitted to the United Kingdom. Sale of the business has been part of the Dunlop financial reconstruction plan for over two years and talks with Sime have been in progress for some nine months.

Dunlop Malaysian Industries makes tyres, Dunlop's famous rubber and sports equipment, and its fortunes have recently been declining. Last year it made pre-tax profit of M\$33 million (£11.2 million) but for the first half of the current year profits were down to M\$8.5 million (£2.9 million).

This is the last major disposal Dunlop is organising, though other lesser ones are still being discussed. But the financial reconstruction plan being put together by the 46 creditors is thought still to be some weeks off, despite the original target completion date of August this year.

## Watling raises Cullen's stake

CULLEN'S Stores Ordinary shares jumped 40p to 47.5p and the A 35 to 37.5p yesterday after Watling (105) revealed it had stepped up its holdings in the company and today expected to announce details of a revised recommended offer worth just under £8 million.

Watling has won irrevocable undertakings from Provincial Insurance and Provincial Nominees to accept an offer of 440p and 540p a share in respect of their combined holdings of 7 p.c. of the Cullen's and 17 p.c. of the A shares.

This gives Watling effective control of 28.4 p.c. of the Cullen's vote carrying Ordinary equity compared with rival bidders Lewis Carter and John Fletcher who have 24.5 p.c. and 10.05 p.c. respectively. The terms of Watling's new offer are expected to mirror the prices paid to Provincial. These value Cullen's at £7.94 million as against Carter's and Fletcher's separate £7.4 million offers last Friday.

## ISC buys Zeta in £31m deal

INTERNATIONAL Signal and Control, the American-based defence, electronics and communications group, has agreed to acquire Zeta Laboratories, the Californian subsidiary of Computers and Communications Technology Corporation, in a cash and shares deal worth around £31 million. Zeta is described as a "technological leader in the design and manufacture of high quality microwave subsystems and components for use in defence electronic communication systems." It made \$3.6 million (£2.9 million) on sales of \$15.9 million last year. Total assets are put at \$8.5 million. ISC is paying \$55 million in cash and will issue 600,000 new shares as consideration.

## U.S. prime rates lowered to 11.5pc

By LAUREN CHAMBLISS in Washington

MOST American major banks cut their prime rates in 11 1/2 p.c. yesterday but the quarter point drop was behind market expectations and share prices drifted lower while the dollar continued its brisk rise.

In stock market trading the less-than-expected prime rate reduction depressed investors and share prices drifted lower throughout the day in moderate trading.

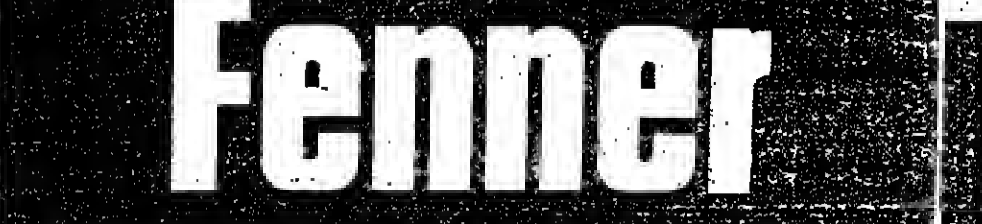
The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed 7.95 lower at 1,212.35. Compared with Friday's 18-point rise, which was sparked by the Fed's discount rate reduction, the performance was surprisingly lacklustre.

The prime rate cut at Citibank, First Chicago and other big money centre institutions was the fifth cut in the base rate since September when the prime first began to ease off its summer peak of 15 p.c.

The move came on top of weekend speculation that the prime should be trimmed to 11 or 11 1/4 p.c. due to unusually low short-term money costs and last week's Federal Reserve discount rate reduction.

Some big banks, including Bank of America and Wells Fargo, held back yesterday and are expected to follow Citibank's lead soon. Although the dollar dipped briefly on the interest rate news, traders watched in amazement as the American currency recovered quickly.

● Sterling closed at \$1.2020, down 1.65 cents.



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MONEY & EXCHANGES

# Pound falls 1.85 cents

STERLING was hit on foreign exchange markets yesterday by the twin effects of a cooling dollar and oil price fears.

The sterling interbank market plunged to an all-time low of 74 before closing at 74.2, down from 74.9 on Friday.

The pound fell by 1.85 cents against the dollar to close at \$1.200 compared with \$1.2185.

The renewed demand for dollars took currency markets by surprise, coming in spite of the falling American interest rates and weekend news of a bigger-than-expected decline in American money supply.

With American interest rates pointing one way and the late of the pound another, dealers in London money markets were uncertain the next move for United Kingdom interest rates. The three-month interbank edged up from just over 9 1/2 p.c. in nearly 1 1/2 p.c.

The Bank of England met a £30m cash shortage in the banking system by buying bills from the discount houses at existing intervention rates.

THE FOUND ABROAD

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
Sweden 11.25-25	11.25-25
Switzerland 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

OTHER MARKET RATES

20-11-84	Prev. close
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U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

EUROCURRENCIES

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
Sweden 11.25-25	11.25-25
Switzerland 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

FORWARD RATES

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
Sweden 11.25-25	11.25-25
Switzerland 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

GOLD PRICE

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
Sweden 11.25-25	11.25-25
Switzerland 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

KRUGGERANDS

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
Sweden 11.25-25	11.25-25
Switzerland 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

PLATINUM NOBLES

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
Sweden 11.25-25	11.25-25
Switzerland 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

NEW SOVEREIGNS

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
Sweden 11.25-25	11.25-25
Switzerland 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

MONEY MARKET RATES

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
Sweden 11.25-25	11.25-25
Switzerland 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

CLEARING BANKS

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
Sweden 11.25-25	11.25-25
Switzerland 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

DISCOUNT RATE

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
Sweden 11.25-25	11.25-25
Switzerland 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

INTERBANK

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
Sweden 11.25-25	11.25-25
Switzerland 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
Sweden 11.25-25	11.25-25
Switzerland 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

BANK BILLS

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
Sweden 11.25-25	11.25-25
Switzerland 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

TREAS. BILLS

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
Sweden 11.25-25	11.25-25
Switzerland 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

STERLING C.D.s

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
Sweden 11.25-25	11.25-25
Switzerland 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

DOLLAR C.D.s

20-11-84	Prev. close
Australia 25.80-80	25.80-80
Canada 12.50-50	12.50-50
France 11.25-25	11.25-25
Germany 11.25-25	11.25-25
Italy 11.25-25	11.25-25
Japan 11.25-25	11.25-25
Netherlands 11.25-25	11.25-25
Spain 11.25-25	11.25-25
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U.K. 11.25-25	11.25-25
U.S. 11.25-25	11.25-25

# Sterling quality rates a firm hold

A HAPPY coincidence gave the interim results from Sterling Guarantee Trust an extra push in the period to September 28.

SGT bought £31 million worth of Promissory and Oriental Steam Navigation shares from Trafalgar House, with the P & O interim dividend, and included this under income from investments.

The dividend itself is not payable until next month but it is the declaration which counts, for the dividend once declared can be brought into profit and creditors.

But while SGT is able to bring in the dividend it has not had to carry the interest associated with the purchase, thus giving interim profits a lift of around £2 million.

Even without that interim results would have looked good. The service industry division pushed profits up by 37 p.c. and with continued recovery on the mainstream property business, pre-tax group profits came the P & O dividend are up from £5.48 million to £10.1 million.

Over the full year SGT will be able to carry account P & O for the second half. It will bring in 20 p.c. of 50 p.c. of P & O's profits, reflecting ownership of the 30 p.c. stake for six months. Since P & O is likely to make around £65 million, SGT will be able to bring in £25 million - roughly twice the carrying cost of the investment.

That puts SGT on course for a full year profit in the £22-£23 million range and the shares, 4.5p higher at 63p last night, on a prospective earnings multiple of about 15 times.

That rating poses problems for Jeffrey Sterling so far as his plans to merge SGT with P & O are concerned, since the latter trades at a substantially lower rating. It also limits the scope for further growth.



Jeffrey Sterling, chairman of Sterling Guarantee Trust - group tax profits up from £5.49 million to £10.1 million in first half.

In the SGT price, and new money might be better directed at P & O.

But SGT, nevertheless, ranks a very firm hold.

## Volox Group rates a 'hold'

THE DISASTER cycle at Volox Group has been broken, and from here on it should be a much more reliable profit earner than ever it was under its former owner, Ward and Goldstone.

In the last 18 months, a new management team has taken tough decisions, the major one being to close down the cables division which generated 40 p.c. of group turnover but was not making profits.

The two major divisions

which are left are cable looms for the motor industry and electrical wiring accessories.

These have been subject to management action and a certain degree of reorganisation, not all of which is yet reflected in profits.

The reorganisations have taken place against a strong market background, and group profits have shown successive increases in each of the three latest half years.

In the most recent, the six months to Sept. 30, profits went ahead from £1.5 million to £1.8 million before tax.

Much of the gains, however, have come from reduced interest charges, and there is little real growth in trading profits or turnover.

The company itself accepts that it is not locked into growth areas, and is looking to input from partners to point the sales graph in the right direction.

Such partners have yet, however, to be located. Volox can offer manufacturing capability but is looking for products. Most companies would sooner have a product looking for a factory.

Meanwhile, profits should edge steadily upwards and ought to hit £3.5 million or even a little more in the current year, leaving the shares at 120p selling on a prospective price-earnings ratio of about eight.

That fairly states the shares' investment merits, but misses the point that Volox is possible being squeezed up in anticipation of a bid. Hold on.

## Bid hopes prop J. H. Fenner

WHEN A company pitches itself onto the recovery trail to dramatic style it is often

ing side. In 1983 these activities made £25,000 pre-tax and the company has forecast a "substantial" improvement here for the current year.

RATNERS (Jewellers) is to develop its activities in what it sees as the important and growing market for popular priced gold and silver jewellery by acquiring Terry's (Jewellers) - operators of a chain of 26 jeweller shops in the South of England - and established in 1976 by Terry Jordan, formerly a merchandise executive with Ratners.

Minimum consideration is £2.4m and the maximum £4.25m. Of this, £2m will be satisfied at completion as 21.5m in shares and £1.5m cash. The balance will be in unsecured loan notes.

Between 1979-80 and 1983-84 Terry's sales rose from £1.85m to £1.85m and pre-tax profits from £249,000 to £482,000. It will be maintained as a separate division within Ratners.

# HEPWORTH RECORD PROFITS... UP 59%

YEAR TO 31st AUGUST 1984

- PRE-TAX PROFITS £13.6m
- TURNOVER EXCL. VAT £108.3m
- EARNINGS PER SHARE 18.28p
- DIVIDENDS PER SHARE 7.75p

CHAIR















# CORALS ACQUIRE 47 HEATHORNS BETTING SHOPS

By HOTSPIR (Peter Scott)

CORALS will take over Heathorns in the bookmaking world's latest important merger. Apart from a credit business, 47 betting shops change ownership and bring the number of shops controlled by Corals to about 700. Only Ladbrokes and Hills have more.

The deal officially goes through on December 31 and some details remain to be settled. These include whether or for how long the name Heathorns will remain and the fate of several Heathorn race sponsorships.

They are headed by the 10-furlong Heathorn Stakes, a Derby trial run at the Newmarket Guineas meeting and won by Shirley Heights among others.

Heathorns, founded in 1880, have the "Chase" image and are widely respected in the racing world. Their bet on the rails at most important meetings and have numerous owners and trainers among their clients. Most Heathorn betting shops are in the south of England, with one of the country's Mecca.

## TODAY'S HUNTINGDON SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
1.0-Work Mate	1.0-Stray Shot	1.0-Warner For Leisure
1.30-Hall's Prince	1.30-LEANDER BLUE	1.30-LEANDER BLUE
2.30-Woodward Moss	2.30-Yellow Iris	2.30-Woodward Moss
3.30-Kathleen Lad	3.30-Carved Opal	3.30-Kathleen Lad
4.30-Pauline	4.30-LEANDER BLUE	4.30-Pauline

Heathorns' double-Leander Blue and Kathleen Lad. TONY STAFFORD-Stray Shot 11.0

big five betting organisations, sponsor Saturday's chief race. This is the Mares Bookmakers' Handicap Hurdle at Sandown Park, for which Robin Wonder has been promoted 51 favourite. Ballincurry is 7-1 second favourite on the strength of two good autumn runs against Browne's Gazette. Keelby Kavalier is offered at 6-1.

Heathorns became the first company to sponsor a major steeplechase when introducing the Whitbread Gold Cup in 1957. They will expect to become the National Hunt racing by taking over the first day of the 1985 Grand National meeting on March 14.

This involves a further change of name for a race known as the Topham Trophy between 1984 and 1985 and which becomes the Kallenburg Pils Trophy in 1985.

It remains, along with the Fox...

So Sharp among his smart two-year-olds.

On So Fair, dam of Oh So Sharp, is on Krist's 1985 covering list.

So is Roussalka herself and the 1985 Oaks second Acclamations, whose big race victory also included the Nassau Stakes and the Hoover Filles Mile.

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Shirley Heights, distinguished winner of the Heathorn Stakes.

## COURSE NOTES & HINTS

### LOCHRUN IS BEST OF DAY

By Our Course Correspondent

JENNY PITMAN'S stable is on the crest of the wave and LOCHRUN may record her eighth win of the season in the Broadsword Novices' Handicap Hurdle (3.50) at Huntingdon today.

Lochrun has acquitted herself well in her two races this season, both over the minimum trip, and this extra half-mile should suit him better.

Last time out he was favourite for a competitive event at Worcester, and after holding every chance at the first flight, failed to match the speed of Steamy and Karmata and was beaten two and a half lengths into third place.

Stray Shot, who won three of his 10 hurdle races last season, made a promising debut over fences when runner-up to Bright Morning at Windsor last week and may prove that experience gives him the edge in the Netherkelly Novices' Chase (1.0).

Fred Winter and John Penrose may be in the mark with Yellow May in the Elms Stud Novices' Hurdle (2.0) and in the Peterborough Chase (5.0).

Advance Official Going: GOOD TO SOFT

STATE OF GOING

WHISTLER'S NAP

NEWMARKET SELECTIONS

HUNTINGDON 3.0, Work Mate 1.0, Leander Blue 1.0, Left Hand 1.0.

HOTSPUR'S "TWELVE"

None of the horses listed in Hotspur's Twelve to follow in today's racing.

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# Inisharran has Aintree style

By MARLBOROUGH (John Oakley)

REYNOLDSTOWN was successful for the first time at Wolverhampton in 1983, and it is by no means inconceivable that one day Inisharran, who won the race commemorating the dual Grand National winner at the Midlands track yesterday, might follow his example at Aintree.

Inisharran, the first jumping winner owned by Mr. Tony Birch, was winning for the second time in five days when he overcame a heavy handicap of 15 lb to win the 1984 Cup Hurdle.

Morshead treble

It was superior jumping as much as stamina or speed which enabled Inisharran to wear down Fred Winter's impressive Ascot winner.

Inisharran stands well over 17 hands and Morshead himself has won his early defeat this season. He is so big that it is difficult to see the amount of work he needs, she said.

In any case Inisharran has clearly got over the teedown to break blood vessels he showed under pressure last season.

When asked how soon the five-year-old would switch to fences Mrs. Birch's answer was significant. "I think he can win plenty of races on the flat," she said—and this, remember, from the trainer of Gaye Brief.

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## HUNTINGDON CARD

Racecard numbers shown on left. Figures before oblique stroke refer to pre-1983 form, and before hyphen to 1983-4. Riders' strokes in brackets. C—course winner. D—distance. BF—beaten favourite. B—brought down. F—fell. P—pulled up. U—unseated rider. R—refused.

Advance Official Going: GOOD TO SOFT

1.0: NETHERKELLY NOVICES' CHASE Penalty Value £1,217 2m 100y (12 declared)

1	2125 JOHN STANLEY (R. Jones)	11-11	11-11	11-11	11-11
2	000-200 LEANDER BLUE (R. Jones)	11-11	11-11	11-11	11-11
3	000-200 LEANDER BLUE (R. Jones)	11-11	11-11	11-11	11-11
4	000-200 LEANDER BLUE (R. Jones)	11-11	11-11	11-11	11-11
5	000-200 LEANDER BLUE (R. Jones)	11-11	11-11	11-11	11-11

1.30: Houghton Selling Hurdle £1,080 2m 200y (12)

1	000-200 LEANDER BLUE (R. Jones)	11-11	11-11	11-11	11-11
2	000-200 LEANDER BLUE (R. Jones)	11-11	11-11	11-11	11-11
3	000-200 LEANDER BLUE (R. Jones)	11-11	11-11	11-11	11-11
4	000-200 LEANDER BLUE (R. Jones)	11-11	11-11	11-11	11-11
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